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CNMI seeks 4-day extension in *Ashland*'s stay on Saipan

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» Marines' drinking water production stopped yesterday

The CNMI government is asking for a four-day extension in USS *Ashland*'s mission assignment to assist in post-Soudelor relief efforts on Saipan after their initial assignment expired yesterday. See ASHLAND on Page 4

Rear Adm. Bette Bolivar, commander of Joint Region Marianas, speaks with Saipan media during a press conference with Federal Emergency Management Agency Federal coordinating officer Steve DeBlasio, Gov. Eloy Inos, Lt. Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, and Lt. Col. Eric Malinowski, 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit Liaison, on Capitol Hill yesterday. MC3 KRISTINA D. MARSHALL

Ornamental fish dying en masse due to lack of power

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Typhoon Soudelor may have spared human lives when it hit Saipan on Aug. 3 but it has not been as forgiving with the island's pet fish population, wiping out many koi fish, goldfish, and other ornamental fish.

The most destructive typhoon so far this year also caused extensive damage at Glory Pet Shop, the remaining pet shop on the island located in San Vicente.

With still no power and water supply, freshwater aquarium fish hobbyists and owners, See SOUDELOR on Page 4

Jinghai Jin of Glory Pet Shop points to the debris in front of their store after Typhoon Soudelor blew out the tin roof of their shop. FERDIE DE LA TORRE

Disaster center reopens; number of registrants climbs to more than 6K

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The Disaster Recovery Center at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe was back in operation on Monday after shutting down due to Typhoon Goni, which passed over the CNMI over the weekend.

According to CNMI Joint Information Center coordinator Ivan S. Blanco, the DRC will remain "open for individuals who wish to avail of the services from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Small Business Administration, and other agencies."

Blanco said that FEMA "continues to encourage affected individuals to call their toll-free number or register online as that will expedite the process of providing needed services."

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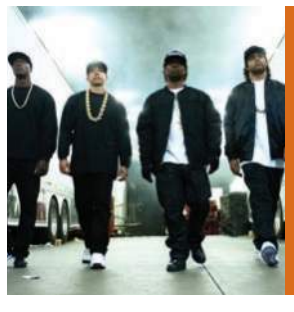

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Local

CHCC shuts down some restaurants

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Non-compliance with food sanitation rules—forced in part by the islandwide blackout in the aftermath of Typhoon Souledor—has resulted in some restaurants and food establishments being shut down by the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.

After Typhoon Soudelor hit Saipan two weeks ago, restaurants and food businesses now rely on generators and delivered water, which has prompted some concerns about the safety of perishable items and sanitation.

A number of community members have complained on social media, including Amanda Allen, who said she got food poisoning after eating at a local restaurant. She, however, could not pinpoint which one made her ill as she had patronized several establishments. Allen has sworn to eat canned food until island power is stabilized.

In response to cases like Allen's, CHCC said it has already responded by heightening inspections of restaurants and food businesses a couple of days after Typhoon Soudelor hit.

"We have enhanced the Division of Public Health's Bureau of Environmental Health staffing and reassigned other staff to BEH to maximize enforcement and they are out and about," said Warren Villagomez, Public Health and Hospital Emergency Preparedness Program director.

Villagomez noted that they have shifted scheduled inspections on a daily basis.

"It's not a daily routine from 7:30am to 4:30pm but we're going out there before the businesses catering to food and stores are closing and making sure that all storage and facilities are secured for perishable items," he said.

Initial assessment and inspections of restaurants, according to Villagomez, found that some restaurants have had gaps.

"We have actually closed down a couple of businesses that cater food and some businesses have closed their doors already as you may have seen around the island," he said.

Inspections

Health inspectors inspect food and eating establishment at least once every six months. Depending on the findings, the establishment may get a grade "A" (the highest level), or a grade "B".

Establishments that don't get any of these two grades will have its license suspended and is immediately closed until the errors are rectified.

CHCC chief operating officer Esther Muña said that the BEH team continues to check on establishments to ensure food safety. Once the establishment is found in violation, a citation is given that can lead to shutting the establishment down until corrections are made.

What to do

"CHCC and BEH are working hard to enforce the laws on patient safety. Meanwhile, our dietitians and the Non-Communicable Disease Bureau will soon be releasing information on how to eat healthy during the power outage. These include a list of the types of healthy food you can store safely," Muña said.

BEH urges the public to exercise caution when purchasing food during the extended power outage. These include:

- Any foul stench or smell from food is an indicator that food is not safe to eat.
- Avoid food from freezers that contain both meat and seafood.
- Watch out for discolored meat or boxes that are wet on the bottom.
- Food in freezers at temperatures higher than 40 degrees Fahrenheit may not be safe to eat, and avoid food from freezers, which are kept cold only with ice added.
- If meat appears frozen, make sure it doesn't feel soft.
- Meat must be cooked thoroughly to at least a temperature of 165 degrees Fahrenheit.

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'Garapan should be prioritized for power restoration'

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Getting Garapan back on the grid should be one of the top priorities for power restoration, considering the economic activity in the area, according to Rep. Blas Jonathan "BJ" Attao (Ind-Saipan).

He said Garapan is not only a hub for tourism where many tourists are billeted but there are also a significant number of businesses that directly benefit from tourism-related activities in the area.

"So why not get Garapan on the grid? Why not prioritize this area?" Attao said.

Attao specifically cited a recent report that some 7,000 tourists have so far canceled their visits to the CNMI due to the typhoon, and not having sufficient power in Garapan may not help the CNMI lure more tourists.

Most of the large hotels may have sufficient power, but surrounding businesses and facilities that tourists can go to are still out of power, or are operating on limited hours.

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. has yet to release a schedule as to when power will return to Garapan.

Attao said CUC could probably draw up a new set list of priorities and include Garapan on the list.

As of last week, a total of 9,268 tourists have so far canceled their trips to the CNMI, translating to $24 million in lost revenue for the islands, according to the Marianas Visitors Authority managing director Perry Tenorio.

Accommodations

Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands president Gloria Cavanagh said some of the large hotels across Saipan have reported some damage, but most were able to accommodate the influx of visitors.

Most of the hotels are also running their own generators, while some have issues with power.

She said Grandvrio Resort in Garapan is operating at "half capacity," while Saipan World Resort reported that 36 rooms have no air-conditioning.

Kanoa Resort is operating at full capacity, while Pacific Islands Club reported some damage to 27 rooms.

Cavanagh said Mariana Resort and Spa has some concerns on its generators, but it is otherwise able to provide the needed services to guests.

"Basically, everyone is up and running," Cavanagh said.

She said hotels have been able to fill rooms with local residents as well as federal disaster relief personnel.

She said, though, that starting Aug. 16, hotels expect more tourists to come in because August is traditionally a peak month for tourism.

She said one workaround is that hotels will not be able to extend the stay of some of its guests, or in some cases, the extension will be on a day-by-day basis.

CUC to install first concrete poles today

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The Commonwealth Utilizes Corp. are focused on restoring public power to the Saipan airport, installing concrete poles at their Chalan Kiya substation as soon as today.

CUC has three auger trucks and a bucket truck to install these concrete poles. They plan to use the concrete poles to "harden the most critical areas" on island. The Chalan Kiya substation and part of the route to the airport is one of these areas.

Acting CUC executive director John Riegel believes this is first time CUC has used concrete poles.

Ninety concrete poles are set to arrive via barge from Guam this week. They are the first batch of 200 concrete poles that will be installed on Saipan.

"We want to get juice to the airport so they can run day and night," Riegel told *Saipan Tribune*

Riegel said CUC can install 30 poles per day.

He said 150 wooden poles are also on their way via airlift.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency is working with CUC on procuring poles in the hundreds to aid restoration efforts.

Typhoon Soudelor crippled the power grid when it hit more than two weeks ago. Before the arrival of the concrete poles from Guam, CUC's spare pole stock was fast depleted during restoration efforts.

"We are procuring additional poles," FEMA federal coordinating officer Stephen DeBlasio separately told *Saipan Tribune.*

"[The Guam Power Authority] is working on that. FEMA is looking to assist with that and yes, there will be a continuous flow of poles onto this island so it will not be a limiting factor in the reconstruction of the infrastructure out there," he said.

"…Between 600 and 900 poles, probably, are what we are looking at," he said.

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Mobil tanker arrives with fresh supplies of fuel

Mobil Oil Mariana Islands Inc.'s tanker arrived on schedule Monday morning, Aug. 17, with fresh supplies of fuel for Saipan.

Discharge of the fuel to the tanks was completed safely Monday night and fresh loads of gasoline and diesel were sent off to service stations yesterday morning, Aug. 18.

The tanker had come from Singapore and would typically go first to Guam. The journey typically takes about seven to eight days, depending on weather and sea conditions. This time round, due to the immediate needs of the community in Saipan, plans were made to divert the tanker to Saipan, before now heading to Guam.

Charles Ewart, president of Mobil Oil Mariana Islands, said: "Since Typhoon Soudelor went through Saipan on Aug 2, our employees and workers [on] Saipan, and the larger regional organization, have been working hard to ensure continued safe supplies of fuel to the community [on] Saipan.

"Mobil has a robust and flexible regional network to ensure that we are able to provide reliable supplies of fuel.

"Mobil affiliates have two vessels serving the Micronesia region and have also invested in our terminals [on] Saipan and [in] Guam to ensure that we can maintain our supplies of fuel to meet the needs of the community.

"We continue to work closely with the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the authorities [on] Saipan to provide any assistance necessary to support the community through this time." ***(Mobil)***

Senate version of the budget allots more to law enforcement agencies

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The Senate version of the CNMI government's budget for fiscal year 2016 is still $145 million, but there will be major changes in the appropriations particularly for the CNMI's law enforcement agencies.

The Senate on Tuesday night unanimously voted "yes" to the budget, which will now go back to the House of Representatives for another round of review.

According to Sen. Jude C. Hofschneider (R-Tinian), some $5.6 million have "been moved around" so that law enforcement agencies, particularly the Department of Public Safety, will get more.

Hofschneider is chairman of the Senate Committee on Fiscal Affairs, which reviewed the budget after the Senate got the House version.

DPS, according to Hofschneider, will get about 20 additional FTEs.

The additional appropriation for DPS came from a "multitude of shifting funds," Hofschneider said, adding that there is also a cost overrun of $1 million that the Senate committee used for appropriations.

According to him, it is not just DPS but also the Department of Fire and Emergency Services and the Division of Customs that will benefit.

"I would say this is a huge change," Hofschneider said the idea behind it "is to ensure that there is enough police officers" for the safety of the CNMI.

He also said the consensus of the committee is that salary increases are long overdue for these departments.

"The salary increases seem to favor only certain departments, and it seems to be close to inequity when it comes to law enforcement agencies," Hofschneider said.

Senate President Victor C. Hocog (Ind-Rota) said if the House of Representatives "rejects" the Senate version, then there might be a need to form a conference committee.

The committee will have representatives from both Senate and House of Representatives.

Hofschneider added that "we're ready to work with the House" on the budget.

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Expect rain as Atsani goes north of the CNMI

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Typhoon Atsani is still expected to pass north of the CNMI this week but residents should brace for rain in the coming days.

According to special assistant to Homeland Security and Emergency Management Marvin Seman, monsoon rain is the only thing that currently concerns the CNMI.

"We should be expecting rain. The forecast is looking at two to three days," Seman said.

In their Special Weather Statement, the National Weather Service in Guam said that Typhoon Atsani will have "some effect on the Northern Mariana Islands."

"Fresh to strong monsoon winds will also flow toward Atsani in the coming days so gusty winds, large waves, and periods of heavy rain will affect most of the Mariana Islands," the statement said.

Winds of 30 miles per hour with stronger gusts could develop across the islands of far northern CNMI such as Agrihan, Pagan, and Alamagan.

The weather statement also noted that sea conditions will become hazardous across the Mariana Islands for boating activities by Thursday or Friday.

"North of Saipan, combined seas could easily build into a range of 15 to 20 feet with winds of 25 to 35 miles per hour as Typhoon Atsani passes by farther north."

There were still no watches and warnings yesterday, but NWS said "residents of Agrihan, Pagan, and Alamagan islands should monitor the progress of Atsani during the next few days."

Typhoon Atsani was centered 630 miles east-northeast of Saipan and 640 east-southeast of Agrihan yesterday.

With Atsani expected to maintain its current west-northwest movement at 12 miles per hour, it is expected to pass north of Agrihan by Thursday or Friday.

It continues to intensify and now has maximum sustained winds of 130 miles per hour. Typhoon force winds extend outward up to 35 miles from the center and tropical storm force winds extend out up to 195 miles.

NWS expects Atsani to gradually intensify through Thursday.

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A vital part of the mission of the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit was to produce much needed drinking water and distribute them to villages on the island.

"But that mission has effectively ended Aug. 18. Unless we make some modification in the mission, the Marines are basically poised to pack up and leave," Gov. Eloy S. Inos said in a press conference yesterday.

Inos said he and Lt. Gov. Ralph DLG Torres talked to Joint Region Marianas Commander Rear Adm. Bette Bolivar and their counterparts regarding the request for an extension.

"We are looking at a request right now that we received from our partners to look at the possibility of extending for four days only the part of the mission that they have been doing relating to reverse osmosis and the distribution of that drinking water," Federal Emergency Management Agency federal coordinating officer Steve DeBlasio said.

"Maybe, if they can give us just a little more breathing room by way of extending the mission for just a couple more days until we can see some improvement in our own water well production," Inos said.

The governor said that four days is a "reasonable time period" so that the government can safely say they will be able to provide the community as they prime up some of the wells and get a level of production.

"The additional dates will really benefit us all and we're going to keep doing what we've got to do to make sure we recover as fast as possible," special assistant to Homeland Security and Emergency Management Marvin Seman said.

Bolivar said the Department of Defense will work with FEMA to process the request for extension. She flew back to Guam yesterday to talk to "higher echelons" and is expecting an answer within 24 hours.

"As I understand, what our initial mission assignment was, was to produce water and distribute water up until a day that was provided, which was the 18th or until Saipan was able to sustain themselves," Bolivar said.

"Yes, we had a mission assignment that expires today but if the island of Saipan is not comfortable to sustain themselves just yet, then it's our obligation to look at the mission assignment as requested by FEMA and work to be able to do that," she added.

Bolivar said their mission will be complete "once we are able to ensure the island of Saipan is able to sustain ourselves and recover."

Members of the 31st MEU, under Lt. Col. Malinowski of the Combat Logistics Battalion 31, stopped producing water yesterday at 6pm.

Bolivar said they will be managing production as they get authorization.

'Thank you'

The local government and FEMA also thanked Bolivar and the Marines and sailors aboard the amphibious dock landing ship for their help.

"I really want to thank you, the Marines, and these folks for being out there helping speed up the recovery effort," Inos said.

"We want to extend our utmost appreciation for this crew, most especially the debris team that's been out here; it sped up a lot of the process," Seman said.

"As USS *Ashland* and the 31st MEU, whether they depart today or four days from now, I just really want to express my true and sincere appreciation for the fine effort and the great accomplishment that you have assisted us in performing here," DeBlasio said.

Bolivar commended the Marines and sailors but also mentioned the efforts made by the Air Force and first responders such as the U.S. Coast Guard and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

"It's been a joint effort since the beginning," said Bolivar. "We are committed to support this effort until we can move from the relief into the recovery stage."

FEMA tasked the Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Army, and Coast Guard to help the island after Typhoon Soudelor swept through Aug. 2-3. FEMA has submitted one final mission assignment for the Marine Corps to provide water to island residents through the end of the week. Pending that assignment, most of the military mission will be complete.

The Coast Guard was first on scene Aug. 5 to transport response officials and to assess Saipan's shipping channel and port. The crew worked to restore aids to navigation, buoys and lights, and cleared debris throughout the harbor to allow safe navigation.

The Navy and Marine Corps followed soon thereafter as the dock landing ship USS *Ashland* (LSD 48) with the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit embarked arrived Aug. 9. They transported supplies and relief equipment with two separate trips from Guam.

The Air Force's 36th Contingency Response Group also arrived Aug. 9 and unloaded water, tents and cots at the Saipan International Airport. Their unique forklifts made them perfect for large cargo planes that the airport staff was not used to seeing.

The 9th Mission Support Command's Tanapag Army Reserve Center is being used by FEMA as an operations center and staging area for generators, communications systems, food and water. The Army Corps of Engineers Power Planning and Response Team along with the Army's 249th Engineer Battalion assessed, installed and maintained emergency generators at water wells and other critical facilities.

In total, the military team provided more than 200,000 gallons of water and 47,000 meals to the people of Saipan. ***(With Joint Region Marianas)***

SOUDELOR

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who were unprepared for the destructive typhoon, looked in vain for battery-operated water pumps around the island to save their pets.

The lack of battery-operated water pumps has caused the deaths of many aquarium fish, particularly koi and goldfish.

Jack Phan, owner of Dollar Days, which also sells ornamental fish, aquarium, and accessories, told *Saipan Tribune* that a few days after Soudelor, all their 15 battery-operated water pumps were sold out.

» Island's only pet shop suffers extensive destruction
» Battery-operated water pumps ran out of supply

In fact, up to now, many customers are still coming to their store, looking for battery-operated water pumps, Phan said.

He said that over 30 kois at one hotel were wiped out, apparently due to insufficient oxygen in their water supply. Many other customers have informed him that their kois and goldfish died too.

"Kois and goldfish are sensitive because they need sufficient oxygen," he explained.

Phan said other fish such as guppies, molly, and sword tails have survived because they don't need much oxygen.

He said koi and goldfish would die after an hour or two if the tanks have no sufficient oxygen.

After the typhoon, Phan immediately put his kois and goldfish in their outdoor pond.

He advised fish lovers and hobbyists to prepare in case of typhoon such as Soudelor by purchasing battery-operated water pumps in case of a long power outage.

"Don't wait for the last minute," he said.

Phan said if fish owners need help to save their fish, they can contact him for a deal. He said he is willing to keep their fish alive because no one can tell how long this power outage would last.

For those who want to donate their fish, they can give it to Phan as he has a big pond.

Damage to pet shop

The powerful winds brought by Soudelor blew out the tin roof of Glory Pet Shop, killing seven kois that measured one and a half feet each and damaging small aquariums and aquarium accessories and food.

Jinghai Jin of Glory Pet Shop said one battery-operated water pump was sold after the typhoon while the last one got damaged.

Jin said they did not stock battery-operated water pumps because no one was buying it before the typhoon.

"After the typhoon, plenty customers are asking for battery-operated pumps because their fish are dying," she said.

Jin said one customer lost one big koi.

Jin agreed with Phan that kois and goldfish easily died because they need sufficient oxygen.

At their shop, she said, some silver sharks died, while others have survived.

She said they didn't have any goldfish when the typhoon struck.

Her husband, Jun Lee, has already cancelled their shipment from South Korea due to the typhoon.

Jin also advised fish owners to buy battery-operated water pumps to prepare in case of another disaster.

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said the number of registrants for assistance has reached 6,400 as of Wednesday.

FEMA also said inspectors have begun assessing the homes of applicants who registered with FEMA for damage sustained in Typhoon Soudelor. Applicants on Saipan will continue to be receiving inspection appointment calls in the coming days and weeks.

When a FEMA Housing Inspector visits your home, someone 18 years of age or older who lived in the household prior to the disaster must be present for the scheduled appointment.

The inspector will ask to see photo identification, proof of ownership/occupancy of damaged residence (structural insurance, tax bill, mortgage payment book/utility bill), insurance documents: home and/or auto (structural insurance/auto declaration sheet), list of household occupants at the time of disaster, and all disaster-related damage to both real and personal property.

Residents who are unable to provide traditional proof of ownership/occupancy may get a signed letter by a local precinct representative to validate the physical location of a home/dwelling (a P.O. Box address is not sufficient).

Survivors can register by phone at 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) or TTY 1-800-462-7585 for survivors with hearing disabilities. Online registration is also available 24/7 at www.DisasterAssistance.gov.

Meanwhile, FEMA said that government agencies and certain private nonprofit agencies that may be eligible for federal and commonwealth disaster assistance must submit Request for Public Assistance forms to CNMI Homeland Security by Sept. 4.

The Public Assistance Program provides grants to Commonwealth governments and certain private non-profit entities to assist them with the response to and recovery from disasters.

Public Assistance funds are available to eligible applicants as part of the federal disaster declaration of Aug. 5.

According to FEMA, the primary goal of the Public Assistance program is to provide reimbursement for eligible expenses for emergency response as well as the repair and replacement of damaged public facilities.

Under the program, FEMA reimburses successful applicants for 75 percent of their eligible expenses, while the other 25 percent percent is the non-federal share.

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Food poisoning? Visit a doctor

Symptoms of food poisoning include upset stomach, abdominal cramps, nausea and vomiting, diarrhea, fever, and dehydration and may range from mild to severe.

CDC states that when young children, pregnant women, older adults, and people with weak immune systems eat contaminated food, they have a greater chance of becoming severely sick with problems like miscarriage or kidney failure.

CHCC suggests that they immediately see a doctor or healthcare provider if you have diarrhea along with a high fever (temperature over 101.5°F, measured orally), blood in the stools, prolonged vomiting that prevents you from keeping liquids down, signs of dehydration, including a decrease in urination, a dry mouth and throat, and feeling dizzy when standing up, or if you have had diarrhea for more than three days.

CUC gives status update on islandwide recovery efforts

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. continues to work on restoring Saipan's power and water systems with the assistance of local, regional and federal partners. Here's the latest information about Saipan's power, water and wastewater capabilities.

Power

CUC Power Division is working concurrently to restore our transmission and distribution systems throughout the island by slowly energizing areas after careful inspections while power plant crews address our generation capabilities.

Generation

Power Plant 4 in Puerto Rico now operates a total of four generators capable of producing 6MW of electricity. Previously used only in reserve, Power Plant 4 currently powers Saipan's hospital and the wells that fill the Navy Hill and Puerto Rico reservoirs.

Restoration crews will continue by slowly energizing areas after careful inspections.

Prior to the arrival of Typhoon Soudelor, Power Plant 1 provided islandwide power to the people of Saipan. Restoration efforts suffered a brief setback when the plant in Lower Base lost station service as a result of wind and rain brought by Tropical Storm Goni. Service has since been restored and the internal recovery efforts have resumed.

Transmission and distribution

Eight teams of linemen from Saipan, Tinian, Rota and Guam continue to erect poles from the Chalan Kiya substation to the Saipan airport. To date, restoration crews have erected a total of 77 power poles in the villages of Garapan, Puerto Rico, Chalan Kiya, Navy Hill, As Lito and Dandan. The closed network known as Feeder 1, between the hospital and Power Plant 4, has been completed. CUC has also restored the lines along Navy Hill Road up to the Calhoun reservoir. As a result, CUC now provides line power to operate the Navy Hill pumps.

CUC is also awaiting a shipment of 30 power poles from Rota and a total of 950 power poles from the U.S. mainland. Plans are underway to have the first batch of 150 poles flown to Saipan in a U.S. Air Force C-5 Galaxy.

Water

CUC added the villages of Capital Hill, As Matuis, and San Roque to the growing list of areas receiving water on Saipan. Until CUC is able to energize each of Saipan's 150 wells, our Water Division is working to deliver islandwide water service, albeit in a limited capacity, using a network of generators from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Below is the current schedule for limited water service by village:

Limited water service schedule

- San Antonio: 8am to 1pm daily
- Chalan Piao: 8am to 1pm daily
- Chalan Kanoa: Odd days: 6pm to 8am Even days: 1pm to 6pm
- Susupe: Odd days: 1pm to 6pm Even days: 6pm to 8am
- Oleai: Odd days: 1pm to 6pm Even days: 6pm to 8am
- San Jose: Odd days: 1pm to 6pm Even days: 6pm to 8am
- Chalan Kiya: 24 hours (lower elevations only)
- Navy Hill (Upper): 12pm to 4pm daily
- Navy Hill (Lower): 8am to 12pm
- Chinatown: 4pm to 5pm daily
- As Teo: 3pm to 7pm daily
- As Matuis: 10am to 12pm daily
- San Roque: 8am to 10am daily

Capital Hill is broken up into three sections:

- CH 1: 8am to 12pm daily (East Isa Dr. from Sarah Market to Kagman Mobil Gas Station (including Atbut Dr., Egigi Dr., Ifet Dr., Chunge Pl., Fakpe PL., and Fahang Dr.).
- CH 2: 12pm to 3pm (1200 block, 1300 block, Wireless Ridge, West Isa Dr. to Haat PL., and Chalan Talafofo. *1200 block will receive water up to 7pm due to the filling station).
- CH 3: 3pm to 6pm (Papago Dr., Sosugi Dr., Isa Dr. from Ahgaga Dr. to Mulberry Ln.).

*All times are subject to change based on the volume of water coming into the tank

Water filling stations

CUC continues to provide up to 100 gallons of water per household per day at filling stations across Saipan. Residential customers may fill their containers in As Teo, Capital Hill, Kannat Tabla, Navy Hill, and As Matuis. Each site is open daily from 12pm to 7pm.

The water made available at the filling stations is strictly for non-commercial residential use. No water buffaloes will be filled.

Safety precaution

As a precaution, all water provided by CUC will need to be sanitized through the use of chlorine bleach or boiling before it can be used by the community.

FOR BOILING: Bring all water to a boil, let it boil for one minute, and let it cool before using, or use bottled water. Boiled or bottled water should be used for drinking, making ice, brushing teeth, washing dishes, and food preparation until further notice. Boiling kills bacteria and other organisms in the water.

FOR CHLORINATING: Alternatively, customers may also disinfect their water with bleach using the following measurements:

CONTAINER SIZE	AMOUNT OF BLEACH	
	CLEAR WATER	CLOUDY WATER
1 GALLON	3 DROPS	6 DROPS
5 GALLON	15 DROPS	30 DROPS
55 GALLON	1-½ TEASPOONS	1 TABLESPOON
100 GALLON	3 TEASPOONS	2 TABLESPOONS
500 GALLON	5 TABLESPOONS	½ CUP
1,000 GALLON	½ CUP	1 CUP

NOTE: Allow the water to stand in a covered container, away from the sunlight, if possible, for at least 30 minutes.

For more information, please visit our website www.cucgov.org or contact CUC's Customer Call Center at 664-4CUC (664-4282). ***(CUC)***

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Friday - 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

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Donna Blas
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Tokio Marine, Pacifica gives $10K for Saipan relief efforts

Tokio Marine Pacific Insurance, Ltd. chief claims officer Kevin Ward, seated center, presents a $10,000 check donation to Joeten Daidai Foundation (JDF) president Frances T. Demapan, which will go towards victims of Typhoon Soudelor and various relief efforts, initiatives, and programs under the organization. Others in the photos include staff and management of Pacifica Insurance Underwriters, Inc. and other representatives of JDF.

On behalf of Tokio Marine Pacific Insurance, Ltd. and as its exclusive general agent in the CNMI, Pacifica Insurance Underwriters, Inc. recently presented a $10,000 donation to Joeten Daidai Foundation in support of the organization's Typhoon Soudelor relief efforts on Saipan.

Soudelor made landfall in the CNMI on Aug. 2, 2015, with sustained winds suspected to have exceeded more than 100 miles per hour, leaving countless buildings and homes destroyed, particularly on Saipan. Hundreds of families were left without homes.

"We are positive our monetary donation to JDF in response to the recent disaster will become useful resources to victims of this devastating typhoon," said TMPI president Hiroyuki Endo "Doing business in the CNMI for over 40 years, we consider this place our second home."

TMPI, headquartered in Guam, is a subsidiary Tokio Marine & Nichido Fire Insurance Company, Ltd. Tokio Marine has been writing business in the CNMI through its exclusive general agent, PIUI, since the early 1970s.

"Our partners at Tokio Marine never fail to show support to members of our community, especially in desperate times of need," said PIUI president Norman Tenorio. "This donation is testament to their commitment."

JDF is the charitable arm of Joeten Enterprises, Inc., which was established in 1994 as a vision of the late Jose "Joeten" and Soledad "Daidai" Tenorio, to promote the advancement of education, health, religion, wellness, and other efforts related to the social welfare and benefit of the community.

"We are humbled by Tokio Marine and Pacifica's generosity. They can rest assured this donation will go toward helping to aid victims of Typhoon Soudelor and whatever rebuilding efforts we have ongoing," said JDF president Frances Tenorio Demapan. ***(PR)***

Despite challenges, SIS starts classes

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Saipan International School forged ahead with their school year on Monday, beginning classes a little over two weeks after Typhoon Soudelor hit the island.

"We've made it work," SIS headmaster Tim Bray said, adding that they avoided extending school into summer.

Bray said the school suffered some water damage to ceiling tiles. Part of the tile roof over their lunch eating area was torn off. Trees on campus took a pounding, leaving a lot of debris.

Bray said they bought two generators powering water to their elementary and middle school buildings. They are currently working on another generator to bring water to the high school.

The new generator may also provide power to fans in classrooms.

Since Typhoon Soudelor hit two weeks ago, Bray said there have been a lot of cleanup efforts at the school. About 70 volunteers showed up one day to assist.

"We had a ton of students and parents come in one day and really put in a full effort," Bray said. "It has been a team effort. The whole community has pulled together and said... 'Yeah, we want to have school, we want to make this work.'"

"This is good for everybody. It establishes a routine. It's sort of life getting back to normal," Bray said.

"You've got to move forward. Is it an ideal, optimum learning situation? Probably not. But it's the best that it's going to be on island for a while… The idea is to move forward, be a community, be responsive to each, and know when something is not working, try to change it," the headmaster said.

SIS has 199 students attending this school semester.

Typhoon Soudelor has left Saipan in an islandwide power outage. With the exception of the hospital, business and residences have been almost entirely dependent on temporary power generation for their facilities.

Other private schools like Saipan Community School and Eucon International College also opened school year 2015-2016. Public school opening in September is expected to be delayed because of Typhoon Soudelor.

TDHC justifies closure of casino

The casino located inside the Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino shut down last Friday due to a significant drop in guests following Typhoon Soudelor and the resulting cancellation of flights from China.

While the casino was shut down temporarily, Tinian Dynasty said the hotel and limited restaurant services will remain open.

A spokesperson from Tinian Dynasty commented on the shutdown by stating that with the drop in tourism it does not make economic sense to keep open all of Tinian Dynasty's operations.

Closing the casino also gives Tinian Dynasty an opportunity to install enhanced surveillance systems and implement updated compliance programs.

The longterm plan of the company will bring in new operators along with additional funding to improve the property and increase the number of tourists to Tinian. That plan has not changed and Tinian Dynasty will continue to put in more effort coordinating with regulators and investors. ***(PR)***

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

GCA start of classes, open house set

Grace Christian Academy's school opening has been moved to Sept. 14, with classes starting at 8am and ending at 3pm. There will be an Open House on Sept. 11, starting at 6pm at the school auditorium. ***(GCA)***

High surf advisory cancelled

Based on the information received from the National Weather Service, the latest wave guidance suggests that surf is likely to remain below hazardous levels for the next couple of days. The high surf advisory is now cancelled...

Buoy reports and surf observations indicate that west swell has diminished and surf along west facing reefs has subsided below hazardous levels to between 5 and 7 feet.

The general public is advised to continue to exercise caution along reefs and beaches as strong rip currents may still occur. ***(HSEM)***

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SECOND AMENDED REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS FOR MASTER PLANNING SERVICES

BENJAMIN TAISACAN MANGLONA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT MASTER PLAN UPDATE PROJECT NO. CPA-RA-001-15

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting statements of professional qualifications from interested Consultants for Master Planning Services for the Benjamin Taisacan Manglona International Airport, Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

These services are being funded by the Federal Aviation Administration and CPA. This service procurement is in accordance with CPA's Procurement Rules and Regulations and procedures shall be in full compliance with Section 40-50-202 Architect-Engineer Design and Construction Management Services.

The Request for Qualification (RFQ) Package is available at CPA's Office of the Executive Director, 2nd floor of the arrival terminal. No fee is required for obtaining the RFQ package. Questions regarding this request for RFQ statements must be submitted to Ms. Wendi L. Prater, CPA Executive Assistant, at (670) 237-6500, faxed to (670) 664-3533 and/or emailed to cpa.engr@pticom.com by no later than Friday, July 24, 2015, 4:30 p.m., local time.

At a minimum, the statements of professional qualification will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Similar work experience in airport master planning, including, but not limited to needs analysis, design, cost estimating, environmental review and permitting – (25 points)
2. Capability to perform all aspects of the project, such as analysis, planning, environmental evaluations, financial analysis and architectural and engineering design (25 points)
3. Level of proficiency in performing services promptly; and level of experience with the CPA projects – (15 points);
4. The general reputation of the consultant in terms of quality of work experience and services performed for projects, and the consultant's professional integrity and competence – (15 points);
5. Capacity to accomplish the work within the contract time - (10 points); and
6. Resumes of key personnel including current licenses and registrations of principal – (10 points).

Interested Consultants are requested to submit one (1) original, four (4) copies and one (1) electronic version in .pdf on a compact disc of their statements of professional qualifications no later than **4:30 p.m., FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 2015.** Statements of qualification must be presented by a combination of both brochures and the use of current U.S. Government Standard Form 330.

Discussions may be conducted with at least three (3) of the firms regarding the agreement requirements and technical approach and selection made there from, in order of preference, of no less than three (3) firms determined to be the most highly qualified to perform the services required.

An agreement shall be negotiated with the highest qualified architect/engineer firm or company at a price determined to be fair and reasonable to the government. If a fair and reasonable price cannot be negotiated with the highest ranking qualified firm, then additional firms may be selected in order of competence and qualifications and negotiations continued until a fair and reasonable price is agreed upon.

The CPA reserves the right to reject any or all statements of professional qualification for any reason, if in its sole opinion to do so would be in its best interest.

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/s/ JOSE R. LIFOIFOI
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SECOND AMENDED REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS FOR MASTER PLANNING SERVICES

TINIAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT MASTER PLAN UPDATE PROJECT NO. CPA-TA-002-15

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting statements of professional qualifications from interested Consultants for Master Planning Services for the Tinian International Airport, Tinian, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

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Applications can be obtained and submitted at Century Insurance Company Ltd. Human Resources Office located on the 2nd Floor, JP Center Building at Beach Road, Garapan. Salaries will commensurate with qualifications and experience. To be considered, applications must be submitted no later than 5:00pm, Friday, August 21, 2015.

Century Insurance Company Ltd. is an Equal Opportunity Employer.
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Next steps after receiving a FEMA determination letter

Federal Emergency Management Agency housing inspectors have been assessing damaged homes of applicants who registered with FEMA for damage sustained in Typhoon Soudelor. Once the inspection process is complete, your case will be reviewed by FEMA and you will receive a letter, or email if you signed up for E-Correspondence, outlining the decision:

■ **If you qualify for a FEMA grant,** FEMA will send you a check by mail or deposit it directly into your bank account. You will also receive a letter describing how you are to use the money. You should only use the money given to you as explained in the letter and we suggest that you save receipts on how you spent the money.

■ **If you do not qualify for a FEMA grant,** you will receive a letter explaining why you were ineligible and will be given clear information on how to appeal the decision*. Your appeal rights will be described in this letter. Appeals must be in writing and mailed within 60 days of FEMA's decision.

■ **If you are referred to the U.S. Small Business Administration,** you will receive an SBA application from SBA. The application must be completed and returned in order to be considered for a loan or for additional FEMA grant assistance. SBA representatives are available to help you with the application at the local Disaster Recovery Center, at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe. Normal hours of operation are Monday to Saturdays, 8am to 5pm; Sundays, 10am to 4pm. Completing and returning the loan application does not mean that you must accept the loan.

*An appeal is a written request to review your file again with additional information you provide that may affect the decision. You may appeal any decision provided by FEMA regarding your Individual Assistance.

Appeals may relate to your initial eligibility decisions, the amount or type of assistance provided to you, late applications, requests to return money, or a denial of Continued Temporary Housing Assistance. Prior to requesting an appeal review, you should review your file with a FEMA helpline agent at 1-800-621-3362 (FEMA), or (TTY) 1-800-462-7585, or request a copy of your file from FEMA so you can understand why you received the decision you want to appeal.

Follow these steps to appeal the decision.

1. Explain in writing why you think the decision about the amount or type of assistance you received is not correct. You, or someone who represents you or your household, should sign the letter and have it notarized. If the person writing the letter is not a member of your household, there must be a signed statement saying that that person may act for you.

2. Include the FEMA registration number and disaster number (shown at the top of your decision letter) in your letter of appeal. You should also include the last four digits of your Social Security number, your full name, your address, and your date and place of birth.

3. You may also want to include a copy of a government-issued identification card or include the following statement "I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct."

4. If you have supporting documentation for your appeal, include that in your correspondence to FEMA.

5. Mail your appeal letter to:

FEMA - Individuals & Households Program

National Processing Service Center

P.O. Box 10055 Hyattsville, MD 20782-8055

Or you can fax you appeal letter to:

(800) 827-8112 Attention: FEMA - Individuals & Households Program.

IMPORTANT: To be considered, your appeal letter must be postmarked within 60 days of the date of the decision letter's date. Remember to date your letters.

■ All appeals are reviewed.

■ Decisions usually are made within 30 days of receiving the request.

■ Additional information may be requested from you if FEMA does not have enough information to make a decision.

n You will be notified by mail of the response to your appeal. ***(FEMA)***

IT&E fixing cut cable between San Vicente and Saipan airport

While conducting restoration efforts along Airport Road last Aug. 17, the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. inadvertently cut through the IT&E fiber optic cable between San Vicente and the Francisco C. Ada-Saipan Intrenational Airport, which provides Internet and landline service to those areas.

IT&E crews are now cutting out and replacing the damaged portion of the fiber cable and hope to have all services restored in the area by this morning, Aug. 19, 2015.

IT&E would like to remind all construction companies, government agencies, and residential customers to please call 611 at least 24 hours prior to digging for a cable location. IT&E will be happy to send a team to identify the cable location prior to you digging.

IT&E fiber and copper cables are buried underground and any damage due to digging will disrupt communications. ***(IT&E)***

IT&E

Photo shows the IT&E fiber optic cable along Airport Road that the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. inadvertently cut while doing restoration work last Aug. 17.

PUBLIC NOTICE FEMA-4235-DR

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) hereby gives notice to the public of its intent to reimburse the Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) for costs related to repairing or replacing public infrastructure damaged by Typhoon Soudelor that occurred between August 1 and August 3, 2015. This notice applies to the Public Assistance (PA) Program and Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) implemented under the authority of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5121-5207.

Under a major disaster declaration (FEMA DR-4235-NMI) signed by the President on Aug 5, 2015, CNMI has been designated adversely affected by the disaster and eligible for both Public Assistance and HMGP. The Federal share of assistance is not less than 75% of the eligible cost for emergency measures and permanent restoration and the grantee has a cost share of 25%. All of CNMI is eligible for the HMGP program.

This public notice concerns activities that may affect historic properties, activities that are located in or affect wetland areas or the 100-year floodplain, and critical actions within the 500-year floodplain. Such activities may adversely affect the historic property, floodplain or wetland, or may result in continuing vulnerability to flood damage.

Presidential Executive Orders 11988 and 11990 require that all federal actions in or affecting the floodplain or wetlands be reviewed for opportunities to relocate, and evaluated for social, economic, historical, environmental, legal and safety considerations. Where there is no opportunity to relocate, FEMA is required to undertake a detailed review to determine what measures can be taken to minimize future damages. The public is invited to participate in the process of identifying alternatives and analyzing their impacts.

FEMA has determined that for certain types of facilities there are normally no alternatives to restoration in the floodplain/wetland. These are facilities that meet all of the following criteria: 1) FEMA's estimate of the cost of repairs is less than 50% of the cost to replace the entire facility, and is less than $100,000; 2) the facility is not located in a floodway; 3) the facility has not sustained major structural damage in a previous Presidentially declared flooding disaster or emergency; and 4) the facility is not critical (e.g., the facility is not a hospital, generating plant, emergency operations center, or a facility that contains dangerous materials). FEMA intends to provide assistance for the restoration of these facilities to their pre-disaster condition, except that certain measures to mitigate the effects of future flooding or other hazards may be included in the work. For example, a bridge or culvert restoration may include a larger waterway opening to decrease the risk of future washouts.

For routine activities, this will be the only public notice provided. Other activities and those involving facilities that do not meet the four criteria are required to undergo more detailed review, including study of alternate locations. Subsequent public notices regarding such projects will be published if necessary, as more specific information becomes available.

In many cases, an applicant may have started facility restoration before federal involvement. Even if the facility must undergo detailed review and analysis of alternate locations, FEMA will fund eligible restoration at the original location if the facility is functionally dependent on its floodplain location (e.g., bridges and flood control facilities), or the project facilitates an open space use, or the facility is an integral part of a larger network that is impractical or uneconomical to relocate, such as a road. In such cases, FEMA must also examine the possible effects of not restoring the facility, minimize floodplain/wetland impacts, and determine both that an overriding public need for the facility clearly outweighs the Executive Order requirements to avoid the floodplain/wetland, and that the site is the only practicable alternative. CNMI officials will confirm to FEMA that proposed actions comply with all applicable floodplain management and wetland protection requirements.

FEMA also intends to provide HMGP funding to CNMI to mitigate future disaster damages. These projects may include construction of new facilities, modification of existing, undamaged facilities, relocation of facilities out of floodplains, demolition of structures, or other types of projects to mitigate future disaster damages. In the course of developing project proposals, subsequent public notices will be published if necessary, as more specific information becomes available.

The National Historic Preservation Act requires federal agencies to take into account the effects of their undertakings on historic properties. Those actions or activities affecting buildings, structures, districts or objects 50 years or older or that affect archeological sites or undisturbed ground will require further review to determine if the property is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (Register). If the property is determined to be eligible for the Register, and FEMA's undertaking will adversely affect it, FEMA will provide additional public notices if appropriate. For historic properties not adversely affected by FEMA's undertaking, this will be the only public notice.

As noted, this may be the only public notice regarding the above-described actions under the PA Program and HMGP. Interested persons may obtain information about these actions or a specific project by writing to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Retirement Fund Building, Isa Drive, Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP. Comments should be sent in writing to Stephen M. DeBlasio, Sr., Federal Coordinating Officer, at the above address within 15 days of the date of this notice.

Karidat distributes relief items to parishes

FRAULEINE S. VILLANUEVA

Residents in Tanapag line up at the Santa Remedios Church for Karidat's distribution of relief items yesterday. Karidat will be visiting each of the parishes on Saipan this week.

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REPORTER

Karidat has started giving out relief items to parishes, with Tanapag and San Roque villages as their first stops yesterday.

According to Karidat, 100 bags will be given out for each parish. The first two were San Roque parish and Santa Remedios.

For today, they will be distributing at Kristo Rai and San Jose parishes.

"We know that our office is in Chalan Piao; it's hard for people to get there," Karidat executive director Laurie Ogumoro told *Saipan Tribune.*

"That's why we figured, there's a church in every village so that's the easiest way, to go to the churches and get things out for everyone," she added.

Ogumoro said they will be at Mt. Carmel Cathedral and San Antonio parishes on Thursday and at St. Jude, San Vicente, and Santa Soledad parishes on Friday.

The organization, together with members of the CNMI 19th Legislature, handed out bags containing canned goods, soba, soaps, toothpastes, and cans of butane gas.

Karidat and their volunteers only started repacking Monday due to Tropical Storm Goni passing through the CNMI over the weekend but Ogumoro said they wanted to distribute right away even as they are still repacking other donated items.

Members of the community peacefully lined up and the distribution went smoothly. Residents said the relief items are a big help.

"It's a big help of course," 60-year-old Erma Arcangeles said.

"This is a big help for us who don't have jobs right now because the restaurant where we work is closed," San Roque resident Marites Isip said.

Rep. George Camacho (R-Saipan) helped with the distribution.

"I'd like to thank Karidat for coming out to the community and being in the church for the distribution," Camacho said, adding that it made it easier for the people in their precinct to get help.

Ogumoro said those who wanted to stop by in their office can still go there and get help.

"We have some supplies there," she said.

Immigration impostor gets 14 months in prison

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona handed down yesterday a 14-month prison term against Virgilio R. Patubo, a Filipino who impersonated another person in applying for nonimmigrant documents.

"Your conduct shows complete disregard to our country." Manglona said in handing the higher end of the sentencing guidelines range. "You have completely disregarded people's trust."

Patubo was given credit for time served. After completing his prison term, he will be immediately deported.

Patubo was ordered to pay a $300 special assessment fee.

Before the sentence was handed down, Patubo was allowed to speak. With a translator beside him, Patubo offered a tearful apology in Tagalog. He admitted committing crimes by using a different name to enter the CNMI.

He apologized to the court and to the U.S. government. He said with his conduct, he hurt his family and a lot of people, including the real Joseph Roque, the name that he used.

"It was so difficult for me to live a lie for 10 years by using a different name," Patubo said.

He said he could not explain to his three minor U.S. children what he did.

Patubo said he accepts whatever the sentence the court would impose on him.

Patubo's three other children from his original wife in the Philippines are now adults.

The defendant thanked the court for the opportunity to express himself.

"Somehow I am free," he said.

In rendering the sentence, Manglona noted that in 2011, 2012, and 2013, Patubo told U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services that he was Joseph Mendiola Roque.

The judge noted that Patubo was convicted in federal court of a very serious offense, distribution of methamphetamine or "ice," and was sentenced in 1999 to 42 months in prison.

Manglona said Patubo was subsequently deported from the CNMI in 2002.

Manglona said when Patubo was removed, he knew he was no longer welcome in any part of the U.S.

The judge said Patubo came back to Saipan in 2003 on a tourist visa using the name Joseph Mendiola Roque and entered again later as a contract worker.

Manglona said when he came to Saipan, Patubo later married a woman by not disclosing his real identity to her, and they have three minor children.

"It's a sad situation for the three minor children," Manglona said.

Last March, federal agents arrested Patubo after an indictment was filed charging him with three counts of false personation in immigration matters. He pleaded guilty to all charges.

According to the indictment, Patubo impersonated a Joseph Mendiola Roque when applying for a CW-2 visa on Nov. 18, 2011.

Patubo also passed himself as Roque when applying for a humanitarian parole application on May 19, 2012, and on Feb. 2, 2013. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

CPA, feds close to bringing back lights at seaport

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The Commonwealth Ports Authority and federal agencies assisting with disaster relief are close to restoring 24-hour operations at the Port of Saipan, saying that that the repair of damaged lights could be completed as soon as last night.

Since Typhoon Soudelor damaged port lights on Aug. 3, port operations have been limited to daylight hours.

Saipan Tribune observed a well-lit port on Monday night, lighting up the darkened Puerto Rico area.

CPA executive director Maryann Lizama, who was at the port Monday night, confirmed yesterday morning that the well-lit port came from their own lights and not temporary measures.

The U.S. Department of Energy also reported that local and federal authorities were testing nighttime operations by using a portion of the damaged lighting and a generator in order to illuminate an area of Baker pier, which serves tankers, cargo ships, and military vessels.

The department said lighting tests began at 7:30pm Monday night.

Lizama said until they get "more than adequate lighting" they should be able to operate at night.

"Hopefully by tomorrow," she said yesterday.

"Our port manager, Chris Tenorio, is working on getting the additional light bulbs needed to replace burned out and damaged bulbs."

"We will fire the lights up tonight again to see if we have the lighting needed to operate at night," Lizama said.

Stephen DeBlasio, Federal Emergency Management Agency federal coordinating officer, separately said the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers ran a test on Monday to see if the local port authority would allow 24-hour operations.

"…It wasn't quite enough light yet," DeBlasio told *Saipan Tribune.*

"It may be [open] as soon as tonight. It depends on the approval of the authorities over there at the port and if it's not enough light, then we will continue working them up until tomorrow to get additional lighting until it gets approved."

Fitial pays $6K fine, $100 court assessment fee

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Former governor Benigno R. Fitial paid yesterday the $6,000 fine and $100 court assessment fee that the Superior Court imposed on him in his criminal conviction.

Fitial, through counsel Stephen Nutting, handed the payment to the clerk's office of the Superior Court.

» Remaining issue is restitution

In an order yesterday, Associate Judge David A. Wiseman acknowledged the former governor's payment and canceled the status conference set for today, Wednesday, at 9am.

The status conference was intended to determine how Fitial would pay the fine and court assessment fee. It was originally scheduled last Wednesday, Aug. 12, but was continued after no one appeared for the CNMI government.

Office of the Public Auditor legal counsel George Hasselback, who serves as special prosecutor in the case, told *Saipan Tribune* Monday that there was no indication that the court would open at that time due to the lack of power and water supply.

With the fine and court assessment fee matters resolved, the remaining issue is restitution.

Last July 6, Wiseman directed the CNMI government to file its claim for restitution against Fitial on or before Sept. 10, 2015.

Pursuant to the sentence and commitment order on June 26, 2015, Fitial was required to pay restitution in an amount to be determined at a later date.

As of yesterday, the government has yet to file its restitution claim.

Fitial pleaded guilty last May 13 to misconduct in public office and conspiracy to commit theft of services as part of a plea agreement.

Wiseman slapped Fitial with a one-year prison term, but Gov. Eloy S. Inos commuted the jail term.

Tinian hearing on Chiget Range today

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The U.S. Navy will present the results of their studies on the old Chiget Mortar Range today at the Tinian Public Library.

Lt. Tim Gorman, Joint Region Marianas public affairs officer, confirmed yesterday that the meeting was still on for today. It was pushed back after the telecommunications crisis last month.

Naval Facilities Engineering Command officials will discuss the results of a site inspection on the range that was completed in 2014.

The old Chiget mortar range—located near the popular Tinian Blow Hole—has been investigated under the Navy's Military Munitions Response Program, or MRP. The 97.5 acres range was part of the World War II battlefield. It was used for live-fire training from 1945 to 1994, and has been closed since then for about 21 years.

Small-arms caliber munitions, 40-millimeter rifle grenades, 60-millimeter mortars, and 81-millimeter mortars comprised the live-fire activity on site.

According military impact documents, the Navy has given the Chiget range a priority of "4" after documenting chemical and health evaluations. MRP priorities range from 1, or highest priority, to 8, lowest priority.

The inspections confirmed the presence of metal constituents at levels "exceeding" 2008 Guam Environmental Protection Agency Pacific Basin Environmental Screening Levels for unrestricted land use where groundwater is a current or potential source of drinking water.

"Chromium and iron were the most common metals to exceed project action levels" and inspections "determined that munitions constituents concentrations did not exceed project action levels, the Navy said.

The Navy's studies recommended "further investigation to delineate the extent and magnitude of metals contamination and to assess the potential human health and environmental risks associated with past operational practices was recommended."

Saipan airman aids native island in typhoon recovery

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ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE, Guam—When Typhoon Soudelor struck the small island of Saipan recently, the tropical storm likely was a side note of the daily news headlines for many Americans.

For one of Andersen Air Force Base's own, however, the storm literally hit close to home.

Senior Airman Louie Lacsina, 36th Mobility Response Group air transportation specialist and Saipan native, deployed along with five 36th Contingency Response Group wingmen to assist ongoing relief efforts on his home island.

Arriving Aug. 9 aboard an MH-60S Knighthawk of the U.S. Navy's Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 25, the Airman said he was shocked by the devastation left behind by the storm.

Hundreds of island residents, including several friends, lost their homes.

"As a returning former resident, some places are just not recognizable anymore," he recalled his initial impression of the damage. "What looked like paradise just got flattened. Most of my family is fine and their houses are OK, but they are missing power and water and went without a good clean shower for a few days."

In the absence of electricity, Lacsina said many have to leave their windows open at night, which allows mosquitoes and other bothersome bugs to enter. Some friends completely lost the roofs of their houses. Meanwhile, electricity and water will take a while to be fully restored, Lacsina said.

"One family I know currently lives together in a single room, the only one with a functioning roof," he said. "It's pretty bad and sad to see, but I'm also glad that I'm here and able to help out."

As an aerial porter tasked with unloading equipment and supplies from aircraft, Lacsina is one of a select few Airmen chosen to serve as a rapid-response force to combat operations and humanitarian emergencies. Together with highly skilled security forces, engineering and medical specialists, they make up a team that is tailored for disaster relief—ready to go anywhere in the world to establish airfield and base operations. Earlier this year, Lacsina and his wingmen rushed to support international earthquake recovery efforts in Nepal, where his team unloaded more than 200 aircraft.

"As the contingency response group, we go wherever help is needed—with as little as a 12-hour notice," he said. "As an air transportation specialist, my job for the CRG is to provide transportation support and forklift loader support to aircraft to unload cargo and move it to its staging positions."

Together with units from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, the teams provided two Tunner 60K Aircraft Cargo Loaders, which provide high-lift support to reach aircraft that the local airport can't reach, and military-grade, adverse-terrain forklifts.

"Currently the airport here has only one forklift in operation and it's much smaller than what is needed for these jobs, so we brought two large forklifts capable of loading 10,000 pounds each," Lascina said. "We bring these AT forklifts on missions like this because we don't know what we're going to encounter."

Before becoming an airman, Lacsina grew up between palms and the waves of the West Pacific and calls the Saipan villages of San Antonio and Chalan Kiya home.

"I grew up outdoors, by the beach, sheltered by distance from the outside world," he recalled. "Saipan is a great place to grow up on. A lot of people call it paradise.

"When typhoons hit when I was young, it was a pretty exciting and scary time," he continued. "As an adult, I see how painful they can be for a small island like Saipan."

Deciding whether or not to join the Air Force after high school was an easy decision, Lacsina said. A curiosity for the world urged the young student to look for opportunities beyond the small U.S. commonwealth.

"It really was a group effort between my friends and me," he said. "We could either try to work our way through and potentially never leave the island, or join the military to gain experiences. We eventually decided together that we'd join the military."

So far, military assignments took Lacsina across the globe to Ramstein Air Base, Germany, and Yokota Air Base, Japan.

"[Joining the military] has really paid off for me," he said. "I got to experience different things and went to different places in the world as part of my job. Growing up, I'd never have thought I'd eventually work with aircraft and now I work with different aircraft and different nations. It's a great experience."

While his immediate family now lives in Hawaii, aunts and uncles still reside on Saipan. Lacsina surprised them with his arrival to lighten the mood after the storm.

"Being stationed [in] Guam, I do have the opportunity to go back occasionally, but the most recent one isn't the way I wanted it to be," Lacsina said. "They were pretty happy to see me and knowing that I'm with the military also gave them the reassurance that there is a U.S. presence helping out on island."

For the Saipan recovery team, Lacsina's knowledge of the island infrastructure and its people has been a real mission asset, said Master Sgt. Corey Long, contingency response team chief with the 36th CRG.

"Having a Saipan native on the team is awesome," Long said. "Whether it's a local language barrier or directions, he's instrumental in that he knows the area."

Even if the airfield staff could unload all arriving supplies, local teams would get backlogged because they'd have to individually load things onto trucks, Long continued, making Lacsina an essential part of the team.

"We enable the crews to get supplies off the airplane, onto trucks and directly to the people who urgently need this help," he said. "The forklift driver is the key in this operation. Without his expertise these operations would stall or delay emergency aid.

"Lascina is highly proficient in his job," Long continued. "His job experience shows and what would take a new guy two hours, he gets done in a fraction of the time. That counts when we try to get essential aid to the people who need it most."

For the foreseeable future, the teams have their work cut out for them as many residents are still living without electricity and potable water.

"There is so much more to do," he said. "So much rebuilding remains to be done around the island. It's good to at least be home and help out. I joined the U.S. to help my country as a whole, but there is nothing better than coming home to do this. It's a good feeling." ***(With Joint Region Marianas Public Affairs)***

United States Air Force airmen unload a cargo plane full of supplies to be distributed to residents of Saipan. U.S. NAVY/MC3 KRISTINA D. MARSHALL

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Master Sgt. Michael Sibley directs Staff Sgt. Josh Foley as he loads cases of water onto a truck to be distributed to residents of Saipan.

U.S. NAVY/MC3 KRISTINA D. MARSHALL

Senior Airman Louie Lascina, a native of Saipan, stages cases of water to be distributed to island residents as part of Typhoon Soudelor relief efforts.

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Clinton's email tale increasingly hard to accept

It's quite possible that Hillary Clinton is 100 percent accurate when she contends that no potential voters are demanding answers about her email issues. Of course, that could say more about the controlled nature of her campaign or the inquisitiveness of her supporters.

As much as the Democrats' front-runner says she wants the whole truth and nothing but the truth to come out, that becomes harder to accept when so much of what she says about the emails proves inaccurate.

Perhaps she was just mistaken about how much classified material passed through her unsecured, home-brew email server. Yet that amount grows with each passing day.

First, the inspector generals for the intelligence agencies and State Department, I. Charles McCullough and Steve Linick, said their review of 40 emails revealed four with classified material. Now, as of court filings Monday, the number of questionable documents has grown to more than 300, about 5 percent of those studied.

Whether or not that exceeds your expectations, it's far more than the unqualified zero Clinton promised last spring.

The secret information culled so far is from a subset of 30,000 emails Clinton surrendered to the State Department as the entire work product from her home server. She and her aides, on their own, deleted another 31,000 emails they deemed personal and none of the public's business. For now, you'll just have to trust her on that.

Last week, Clinton did what she said in March that she would not do: turn over custody of her email server to an independent third party. In this case, that's the FBI, which is charged with sorting out whether national secrets are floating about unsecured. Clinton also belatedly authorized her personal attorney, David Kendall, to hand over a thumb drive holding copies of those 30,000 work emails.

Clinton insists there's nothing to see here. Still, critics and allies alike are starting to notice that her team's cavalier handling of top-secret material is strikingly similar to allegations that put other officials in criminal court.

Blaming her political enemies—and they are legion—could work for now, but it puts her campaign in a tough spot when asked to respond to nervous Democrats or mainstream media. ABC News, for example, reports that a Denver IT company that Clinton hired to maintain her server may have backed up everything onto a different server.

And even her supporters have to concede that this entire email mess is a self-inflicted wound that only worsens with the drip-drip-drip of ill tidings. With polls already showing her facing deficits in trust and honesty, Clinton doesn't need to give upstart Bernie Sanders any wider an opening. That's the political equation.

Still to be considered are the national security implications of a major-party presidential nominee facing metastasizing questions that include "classified" and "top secret."

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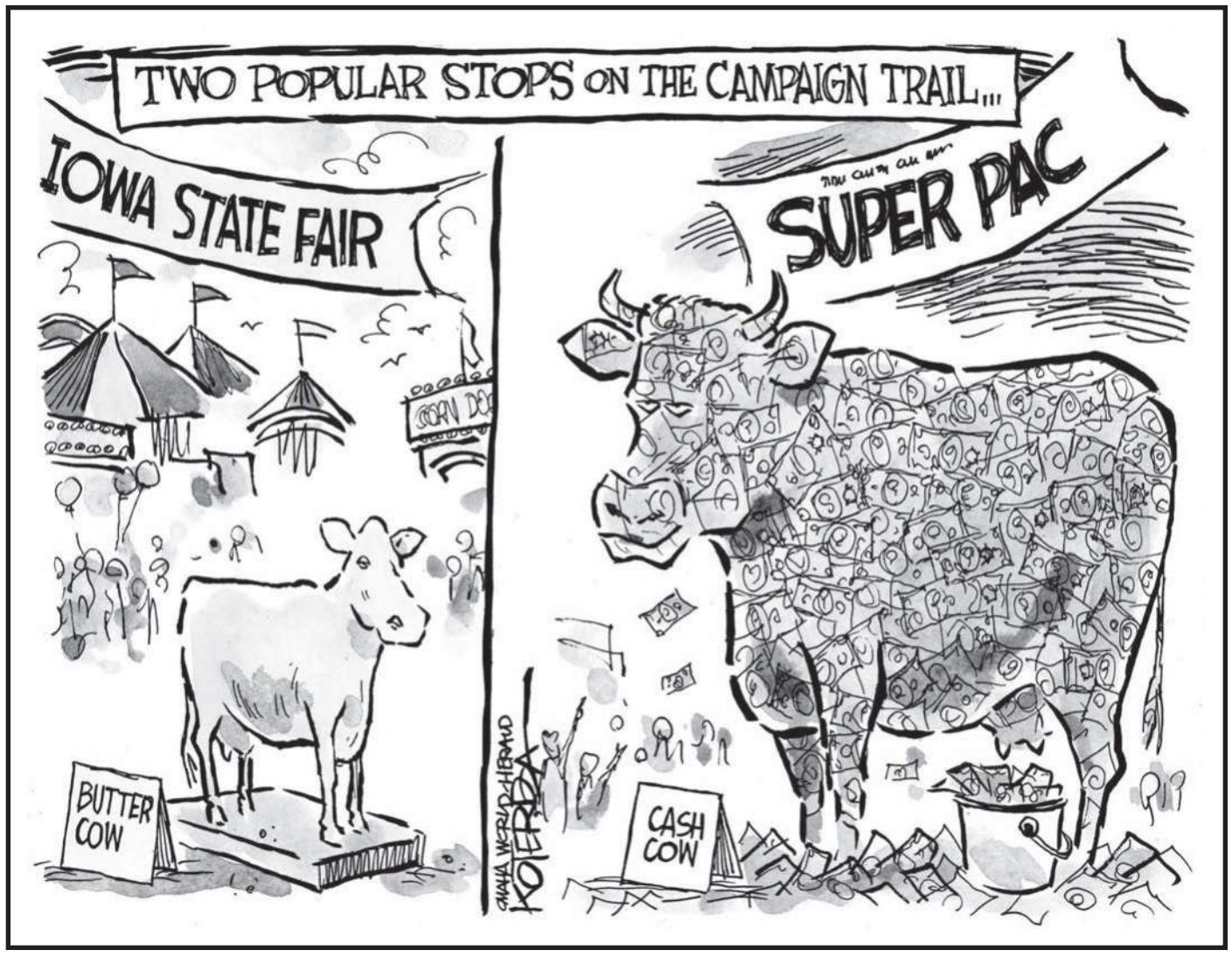

on the other side of aging

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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We are being lax with the punctuations and capitalizations if only to demonstrate our non-compliance with formalities, particularly the category of senior citizen that is imposed on many of us over 62 in the u.s. of a. and china, too.

it also happens that naacp's julian bond called 10-4 at 75. he was a levi's-wearing handsome dude in a cleveland conference i attended in 1967. he was also an unfortunate casualty of john lewis' popularity in georgia; they were both active sncc activists.

a year and a half ago, i retired from teaching at shenyang aerospace university in liaoning, china. in beijing's desire to root out corruption in public offices, it decided to "go by the books," retiring employees in public offices at 60 for the domestic male and 50 for the female, and 65 for foreigners regardless of gender.

i was three years beyond the bend and the former dean of the educational center, a card-carrying party member, was reportedly called to the carpet for condoning a stretch on the provision. his minions tried to secure another year's working visa for me but the foreign affairs lowered the boom, going by the books!

there were no restriction for becoming entrepreneurs in private. the pension (not available to foreigners) is hardly affected by individually gained additional income from efforts outside of corporate employ. but in a culture where one's status is determined by how well one fitted to a social milieu, the impulse to go against the familiar path is not very common.

chinese are masters of the one deal, ready to move on to the next one *sans* regard for the first, so entrepreneurial endeavors tend to fall on the short term rather than establish a systemic procedure that will continue even when the initiator is gone. short-term enterprises are biased toward making as much on the returns of a one-deal. not a good beginning for effective long lasting customer service relations but "business is business."

i would have been an entrepreneur but i still needed a working visa.

i am back on saipan, not divorced from shenyang since we invested in a local pedagogical concern. pss assures me that age-discrimination does not apply. i am keeping my application and teaching certificate current.

i left pss on a spondylosis diagnosis, and instead of going into disability, i took my retirement contributions out and dealt with my own therapy outside the government referral system.

my teaching certificate now restored (it expired after two years), we are available for pedagogical services. if not hired, *c'est la vie;* i already declared myself "to love life," *j'aime la vie,* my public signature. but social security is adamant. already 70, we still need two years worth of contributions to qualify for minimal benefits. gee, i could have played the disability gig.

we started with aging. we fumble the door keys at night when the hallway lights are off, or the calves while in a horizontal position tend to cramp (need more calcium, potassium and magnesium), or the eye and ear functions noticeably fade, not to mention the embarrassing loss of balance on the corals at wing beach, we are definitely on to the hallmarks of aging.

our consolation is a worker at our apartment complex who, after we got to know each other, declared that he was older than i, already 59. i did not have the heart to tell him that i was hitting 70 this year.

but i ran into one of two men who deliver water to my place, and after finding out where i live, he declared that he delivered to so-and-so at my address. mustached and goateed me must have looked different, and old.

hope is hanging out with the likes of a carolinian colleague on his beach front or at his farm in the shadows of mt. tapuchao. he is a sprite 75 who still navigates his sailboats in the lagoon and on to mañagaha, especially when there are ladies who join him for the ride.

master to the semi-circular hull of the carolinian canoe, he gets up to speed in the water. he looks firm and trim, his belly's size negligible compared to the mine!

with relations coming in and out of his beach front, we came to know a few of the personalities—of folks like pete and jerome, arsenio and cecilio, joe and lanie. one of them introduced himself to me and informed me that he has followed my writings from the start. i did not test his memory but he voluntarily described his encounter on my literary output. "Some read columns to be up to date on controversial issues, but i read yours because it makes me laugh; it entertains."

entertains!?! my writings have been described many ways but never that. i was baffled until i realized that the carolinian practice of "talking stories" entertains. "talking stories," often done into the night around bonfires, has young ones listening to the elders. the telling is entertaining.

we've discovered our *rainson d'etre,* to entertain naturally, to write as one of the carolinian elders delightfully points out, "like you were an elder in the glow of a bonfire." i can handle that.

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Need for National Guard

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The depth of the disaster is such that it requires the help of the National Guard from Hawaii or California. This was done when Katrina pulped a southern state. Is there a reason why this wasn't done to speed up recovery?

We should have begged the White House for this urgent form of assistance. The need for urgent help is downstairs, not on imperial Capital Hill! The raw detachment and insensitivity are appalling!

Culture of entitlement: Over the years we've built the culture of entitlement as to boast the aura of superiority over all others who have come to these islands. We despise earning our dues in favor of instant fixes or gratification.

This is easily seen in how we view employment. We wanted high paying jobs as surgeons and super lawyers even as seventh grade dropouts. There's the lack of enthusiasm to hone our skills so we earn our dues as citizens.

In fact, we've even categorized menial jobs as reserved for foreign workers. We wanted the livelihood of Matuas—royal family—lording over college-educated non-citizen professionals.

An experience jolted my mind on this issue. One afternoon, a young kid was passing by my house after school. He asked if the place is my residence. "Then how come you're raking your yard looking like a…"

Appalling the mindset of a young fourth grader who thinks that cleaning your yard is for foreigners. And his working parents are nowhere near the top posts among co-workers at work either. Baby! Didn't we turn ourselves into driftwood tossed about in the vicious open sea as royal misfits!

Realistic view: This shameful attitudinal deficiency has slowly shifted into a more realistic view of what's before us. How pleasant it is listening to NMC students outline their courses in freestyle discussions. It is even more gratifying their view of what they must do to get from point A to B in terms of subsequent courses they must take per semester. What's the pleasantry of it all? It's the educated discussion and the conviction to bring it all home. Each knows the prerequisites of success via education!

Meanwhile, I heard a hallway discussion about self-government. A mid-management level staff asserted that the concept is under our Constitution and must therefore be followed by the U.S. Congress. I listened attentively at the colossal misconception.

Well, if he misses the boat on the supremacy of laws, I wonder what the average citizen thinks or whether he or she cares at all. Well, there's a lot to learn and even I don't know where to begin to ensure that we're all on the same page!

Culture: In recent past, we've used the term "culture" as though we know what the beast entails. I call it the "unthinking" spout by those who wanted to sound hip or even intelligent. Nice try!

Culture gives edification or meaning and substance to a way of life. Is this your understanding too? It has kept that social fabric intact among the local people for generations.

With this in mind, it would be a given that the supernatural spirits of our ancestors is of paramount importance in our culture. As such, the sacred burial ground in Garapan would have been defended to the hilt.

Politicians hawked the issue and allowed for its excavation and relocation. Out the window goes the sacredness of an ancient burial ground. We wanted casino and money over what has kept us a dignified people over centuries. I call this raw disposition forced self-alienation!

I have the greatest respect for the supernatural in that though our ancestors may be gone physically, the strength of their spirit lives among us daily, day and night. Torchbearers they may once have been, they remain so in spiritual fashion today. This is the sacredness of it all.

Somehow we missed the rainbow that usually hovers over the horizon as rainstorm gather up strength. Its beautiful colors stay together displaying the essence of unity. Perhaps we're no longer united thus to each his own. This attitude leads us down the path to self-destruction when we are hopelessly landless, cultureless, and completely displaced by our own "ke sera" disposition.

The decision to ignore the essence of the sacred burial ground forebodes bad events ahead. I've seen what spirits could do. Once is enough! A bad beginning enlists bad endings. Let's review the issue some five to six years from now when doors are closed, shut and bolted!

Shabu shuffle: Disturbing and perplexing how a highly productive family has gone into complete dysfunction and destruction that started with the use of shabu or "ice." The phenomenal growth in the use of this very destructive drug is inexplicably appalling.

There was the couple that made over quarter-of-a million per year reduced to a vicious split of the property. It shifted to an arrest where the patriarch can't even pay for his bail. It must be hellish sitting in a cell trying to figure out salvation, if any. But this is the net result of shabu shuffle that has slowly ballooned into a beastly social catastrophe. It's a clarion call upon the elected elite to step up to the plate and make a difference! Don't harp, do it!

I feel for DPS in its quest to stem the tide of the drug spreading in our community. But with the aftermath of a superstorm that pummeled these isles you wonder if the requisite funds could be met. Messy, huh? Need we wait until this problem is endemic—regularly found—NMI-wide? Do we now have health professionals who could deal with drug addiction?

Fox News is preventing GOP candidates from broadening their appeal

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Lost in the short-term attention commanded by Donald Trump in the first Republican primary debate was a long-term problem for the party, created by questions that compelled the candidates to take positions at odds with a majority of Americans.

While the debate questions were smart and sharp, they were also predicated on many conservative litmus tests. When the subjects of abortion, same-sex marriage, immigration and religion were aired, they elicited responses that, while pleasing to a core constituency, will be a tough sell in the general election. Is the party best served when the conservative media are literally defining the debate among candidates?

Consider that when Megyn Kelly observed to Sen. Marco Rubio of Florida that he favored a "rape and incest exception to abortion bans," Rubio was quick to respond: "I never said that. And I have never advocated that. What I have advocated is that we pass a law in this country that says all human life at every stage of its development is worthy of protection." Maybe Rubio really believes a rape victim should be compelled to carry a pregnancy to term. Or perhaps he thinks this is the only way to navigate the conservative cacophony.

The final round of questions pertained to God. Kelly asked Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas and others to respond to a Facebook questioner who wanted to know "if any of them have received a word from God on what they should do and take care of first." Cruz quickly obliged. And Gov. Scott Walker was not to be outdone ("It's only by the blood of Jesus Christ that I've been redeemed from my sins"). Again, good fodder for evangelicals in GOP primaries, but not the best way to reach independents or moderate Democrats in the general.

The debate seems a textbook illustration of Jackie Calmes' thesis in a new paper titled, "They Don't Give a Damn About Governing: Conservative Media's Influence on the Republican Party." Calmes is best known as a national correspondent for The New York Times, but this work was published as a Joan Shorenstein Fellow at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. She told me recently that her interest in the influence of conservative media arose from a conversation with former Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, the Republican from Mississippi.

Lott told Calmes that the Democrats moved to the center in the 1980s and '90s after losing five of six presidential elections, and that the GOP now found itself in the same position. But Republicans were hamstrung in making a similar move "because we've got this conservative media that stops us and jumps on us every time we try to moderate," Calmes related.

"Conservative media, having helped push the party so far to the antigovernment, anticompromise ideological right, attacks Republican leaders for taking the smallest step toward the moderate middle," she writes in the paper.

Calmes cites a Pew Research poll from October 2014 that found that, more than any other group, "consistent conservatives" rely on one source for information about government and politics: 47 percent cited Fox News. But the influence to which she refers extends to talk radio and a universe of online sites like Drudge Report, Breitbart, and the Blaze, where, she says, adherents can get their news in a manner that validates their beliefs, notwithstanding that the objective of those outlets is to draw clicks from adherents based on controversy that would not exist in a world of compromise, all the while turning a profit.

"They can just dismiss ... any fact that doesn't comport with their bias, because they can find some source of information, somewhere, that will agree with them," she said. "The danger on the far right is that they are just talking to each other, and people just need to get more sources of information and to be open to the idea that the other side might be right once in a while."

The retort from the right is, if the GOP would nominate the type of conservative purists envisioned by its media leaders, it could win the White House. Calmes is unconvinced.

"This is a complaint of the conservatives to the right of the Republican Party that goes back decades and most notably when they finally got their way in 1964, when Barry Goldwater was the nominee and he was shellacked," she said. "Now the answer to that from the conservatives then ... it's parallel to what conservatives would argue now—is that Barry Goldwater lost because the establishment of the Republican Party abandoned him, and even some of the players then called him an extremist publicly and indicated they would not support him and might even support Lyndon Johnson."

Does the Republican National Committee worry that it has ceded too much to the conservative media? Not according to Sean Spicer, the RNC's chief strategist and communications director, who dismissed Calmes' findings as the sort of conclusion you get when mixing The New York Times, the legacy of John F. Kennedy and Harvard.

"The mainstream media are annoyed, frankly, with conservative media because they want to set the agenda, they want to ask the questions," he told me on CNN. "And conservative media in a lot of cases are the ones that are now breaking stories, and getting their stories pushed into mainstream media because they can't be ignored any longer."

Calmes responds that she's been covering Washington for 31 years, including 18 at The Wall Street Journal and a few at The Dallas Morning News, both of which are considered conservative papers.

"I frankly come at this as a concerned citizen," she said. "We need two healthy parties in this country, and right now the Republican Party, despite evidence like midterm elections where they had big wins, the Republican Party will tell you themselves they are not a healthy party. ... There needs to be willingness to compromise, and that's how this government works."

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Standing side by side with the NMI

Dear people of the CNMI,

Although it is belated, E Land Group is writing this to extend our prayers and convey our sympathy and profound condolences to the families of the victims of Typhoon Soudelor, which swept many districts of the CNMI. It is with great sadness that we learned about the destruction caused by the typhoon.

It is our hope and prayer, under Honorable Gov. Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Gov. Ralph Torres' leadership, the people of the CNMI will overcome the difficulties and stay strong.

During the difficult times we are facing, we recognize the need to work together and to assist one another to make things easier for the community, which suffered greatly as a result of Typhoon Soudelor.

We sincerely hope that the hard times the people are experiencing will not be long and, again, as a member of the community, we will continue to stand side by side with you.

MyungWook (Matthew) Park
On behalf of E Land Group

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. West winds 10 to 20 mph.	Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy and breezy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy and breezy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms.
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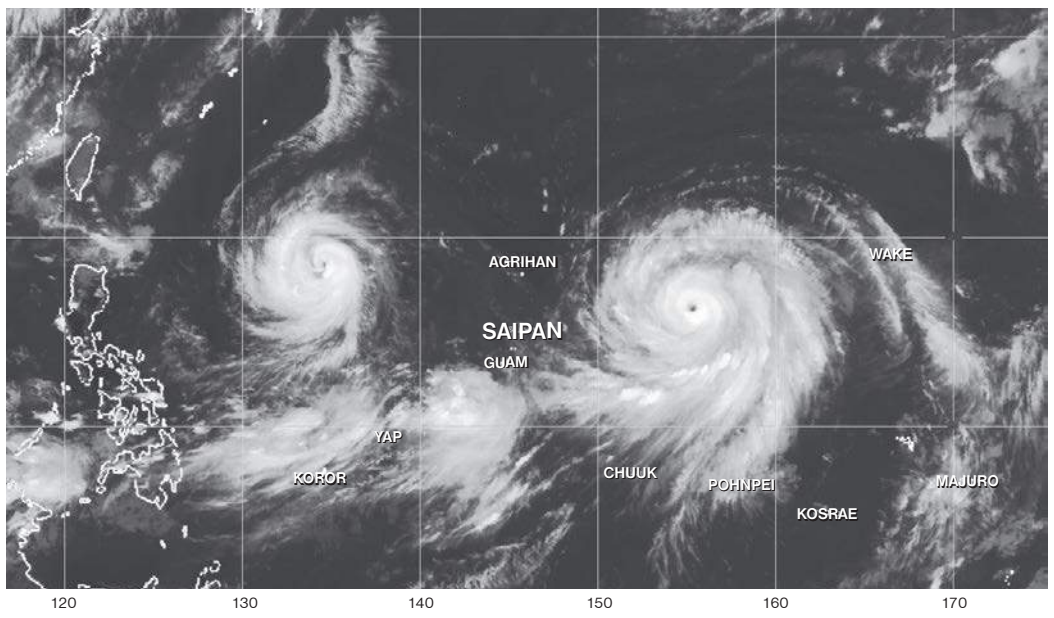
Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2015

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Typhoon Goni (16W) is centered about 710 miles west-northwest of Guam near 18N135E with maximum sustained winds of 120 mph Moving west at 18 mph. Heavy rain and a few thunderstorms are found up 200 miles from the center. For more information on Typhoon Goni, see bulletins issued by the Joint Typhoon Warning Center under WMO header WTPN31 PGTW and by the National Weather Service under WMO header WTPQ31 PGUM. Typhoon Atsani (17W) is centered 675 miles east of Saipan near 16N156E with maximum sustained winds of 130 mph moving west-northwest at 12 mph. Heavy rain and isolated thunderstorms are occurring within 350 miles of the center of Atsani. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found farther southeast of Atsani over Pohnpei between 10N and 6N from 156W to 162E. For more information on Typhoon Atsani, see bulletins issued by the Joint Typhoon Warning Center under WMO header WTPN32 PGTW and by the National Weather Service under WMO header WTPQ32 PGUM. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms associated with the southwest monsoon south of Typhoon Goni are occurring from just north of Koror to Yap state to just south of the Marianas within 150 miles of a line from 8N130E to 12N148E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are found west of Chuuk within 80 miles of a line from 4N142E to 8N147E. A surface trough runs southwestward from 14N174E to a weak circulation centered northwest of Majuro near 9N170E to 7N167E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are located over the Marshall Islands within 190 miles of a line from 5N168E to 15N172E.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼78
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲87	▼80
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼78
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼79
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼77
Kosrae	Partly Cloudy	▲84	▼79
Majuro	Partly Cloudy	▲85	▼81

Around the Globe

Auckland	Rain	▲57	▼49
Beijing	Thunderstorms	▲77	▼64
Hong Kong	Mostly Sunny	▲90	▼82
Honolulu	Showers	▲88	▼75
London	Mostly Cloudy	▲74	▼60
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲85	▼65
Manila	Thundershowers	▲90	▼78
Melbourne	Mostly Sunny	▲59	▼45
Miami	Thundershowers	▲92	▼80
New York	Sunny	▲88	▼75
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	▲92	▼76
Paris	Partly Cloudy	▲78	▼61
Pusan	Partly Cloudy	▲85	▼73
Rome	Thunderstorms	▲78	▼64
Salem	Sunny	▲101	▼63
San Francisco	Mostly Sunny	▲71	▼60
Seoul	Mostly Cloudy	▲90	▼73
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	▲89	▼76
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	▲91	▼74

NMI CRIME STOPPERS

Anonymous tips can now be submitted through the following:

- Call 234-7272 (PARA) on any telephone
- *11 on any IT&E cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.com

Tides

Saipan Harbor

5:40 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.6 Feet
11:10 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.7 Feet
5:36 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.5 Feet
11:41 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:04 AM	6:39 PM
Thursay	6:04 AM	6:38 PM
Friday	6:04 AM	6:37 PM
Saturday	6:04 AM	6:37 PM
Sunday	6:04 AM	6:36 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	9:25 AM	9:34 PM
Thursday	10:12 AM	10:13 PM
Friday	11:00 AM	10:55 PM
Saturday	11:49 AM	11:39 PM
Sunday	12:40 PM	

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF JULY 2, 2015

DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA5070	4:15am	5:05am	Daily
UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	2:20pm	4:00pm	6, 7 via Rota
UA5078	3:10pm	4:00pm	1, 5
UA5038	3:10pm	4:00pm	2, 4
UA5040	6:55pm	7:45pm	1, 5
UA5078	8:35pm	9:25pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5044	10:40pm	11:30pm	1, 5

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA5039	2:20pm	2:55pm	6, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA5039	3:25pm	4:00pm	6, 7

SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)

DL287	6:05am	1:05am+1	2, 6 via NRT

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL287	6:05am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 6
DL297	4:30pm	7:15pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ6063	2:25am	6:00am	3, 4, 6
OZ626	3:20am	7:00am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
7C3403	4:35am	8:20am	1, 2, 3, 6, 7
7C3403	5:25am	9:10am	4, 5
7C3401	3:15pm	7:35pm	3, 5, 6
7C3401	4:20pm	8:05pm	1, 2, 4, 7

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	1:30am	5:30am	3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ626/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN
OZ6063/701	2:25am	11:05am	3, 4, 6 via ICN
OZ626/701	3:20am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5070/191	4:15am	8:55am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5070/PR111	4:15am	9:20am	Daily via GUM
UA5070/183	4:15am	8:50pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA5070/183	4:15am	9:10pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
DL287/275	6:05am	9:40pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 6 via NRT
UA5068/183	8:00am	9:10pm	3 via GUM
UA5068/183	8:40am	8:50pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA5068/183	8:40am	9:10pm	1, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5039/183	2:20pm	9:10pm	6, 7 via Rota-GUM
UA5038/183	3:10pm	8:50pm	2 via GUM
UA5078/183	3:10pm	8:50pm	5 via GUM
UA5078/183	3:10pm	9:10pm	1 via GUM
UA5038/183	3:10pm	9:10pm	4 via GUM

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ6063	2:25am	6:00am	3, 4, 6
OZ626	3:20am	7:00am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ626/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ6063/721	2:25am	11:50am	3, 4, 6 via ICN
OZ626/721	3:20am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5070/179	4:15am	9:55pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA5068/179	8:00am	9:55pm	3 via GUM
UA5068/179	8:40am	9:55pm	1, 5, 6 via GUM
UA5039/179	2:20pm	9:55pm	6 via Rota-GUM
UA5078/179	3:10pm	9:55pm	1, 5 via GUM

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA5069	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA5071	6:40am	7:30am	3
UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	1:00pm	1:50pm	6, 7
UA5038	1:00pm	2:35pm	2, 4 via Rota
UA5077	1:50pm	2:40pm	1, 5
UA5041	5:35pm	6:25pm	1, 5
UA5077	7:15pm	8:05pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5043	9:20pm	10:10pm	1, 5

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA5038	1:00pm	1:35pm	2, 4

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA5038	2:05pm	2:40pm	2, 4

PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN

DL298	4:30am	2:55pm	3, 7 via NRT

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:25am	2:55pm	Daily
DL288	8:55pm	1:25am+1	3, 4, 5, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

7C3402	8:45am	2:15pm	3, 5, 6
7C3402	9:30am	3:20pm	1, 2, 4, 7
OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ6053	7:55pm	1:25am+1	2, 3, 5, 6
OZ625	8:20pm	1:50am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	4:30pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

DL276/288	9:30am	1:25am+1	1, 3, 4, 5, 7 via NRT
UA190/5077	9:55am	8:05pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/6053	12:15pm	1:25am+1	2, 3, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:50am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
PR110/UA5071	10:05pm	7:30am+1	3 via GUM
PR110/UA5071	10:05pm	8:05am+1	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
UA184/5071	10:25pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA184/5039	10:25pm	1:50pm+1	6 via GUM
UA184/5038	10:25pm	2:40pm+1	1, 3 via GUM-Rota
UA184/5077	10:25pm	2:40pm+1	4, 7 via GUM
UA184/5041	10:25pm	6:25pm+1	4, 7 via GUM
UA184/5077	10:25pm	8:05pm+1	1, 3, 6 via GUM
UA184/5043	10:25pm	10:10pm+1	4, 7 via GUM
UA184/5071	11:30pm	7:30am+1	2 via GUM
UA184/5071	11:30pm	8:05am+1	5 via GUM
UA184/5071	11:30pm	1:50pm+1	5 via GUM
UA184/5077	11:30pm	8:05pm+1	2, 5 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/6053	1:10pm	1:25am+1	2, 3, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:50am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA180/5071	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA180/5039	9:55pm	1:50pm+1	5, 6 via GUM
UA180/5077	9:55pm	2:35pm+1	1, 3 via GUM-Rota
UA180/5077	9:55pm	8:05pm+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; MU: China Eastern; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana; 7C: Jeju AirETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

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TINIAN TO SAIPAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
7:00AM	7:15AM	Mon, Tue,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
7:30AM	7:45AM	Daily
8:30AM	8:45AM	Daily
9:30AM	9:45AM	Daily
10:30AM	10:45AM	Daily
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12:30NN	12:45NN	Daily
1:30PM	1:45PM	Daily
2:30PM	2:45PM	Daily
3:30PM	3:45PM	Daily
4:30PM	4:45PM	Daily
5:30PM	5:45PM	Daily
6:30PM	6:45PM	Daily

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
7:00AM	7:15AM	Daily
8:00AM	8:15AM	Daily
9:00AM	9:15AM	Daily
10:00AM	10:15AM	Daily
11:00AM	11:15AM	Daily
12:00NN	12:15NN	Daily
1:00PM	1:15PM	Daily
2:00PM	2:15PM	Daily
3:00PM	3:15PM	Daily
4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily
5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily
6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily

SAIPAN TO ROTA

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
7:45AM	8:15AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
4:00PM	4:30PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat

ROTA TO SAIPAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
8:30AM	9:00AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
4:45PM	5:15PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat

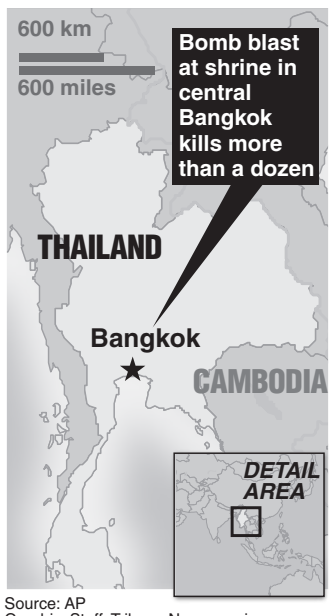
World

Thai PM: Video shows 'some suspects' in blast that killed 20

BANGKOK (AP)—Thailand's prime minister said Tuesday that authorities had seen "some suspects" in security-camera footage of the central Bangkok bombing that killed at least 20 people and injured 140, and promised to track down those responsible for what he described as the country's worst attack in history.

The defense minister, meanwhile, said officials had no prior intelligence about Monday's rush-hour bombing of a popular shrine at a hectic intersection. The blast from the improvised explosive device scattered body parts, spattered blood, blasted windows and burned motorbikes to the metal.

"This is the worst incident that has ever happened in Thailand," Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha said. "There have been minor bombs or just noise, but this time they aimed for innocent lives. They want to destroy our economy, our tourism."



Source: AP
Graphic: Staff, Tribune News service

The explosion went off around 7 p.m. in an upscale area filled with tourists, office workers and shoppers.

"Today we have seen the closed-circuit footage, we saw some suspects, but it wasn't clear," Prayuth said. "We have to find them first."

Defense Minister Prawit Wongsuwan said the attack, which no one immediately claimed responsibility for, was aimed at destroying the country's economy by targeting a major tourist area.

"It is much clearer who the bombers are, but I can't reveal more right now," Prawit said, as he headed into a Cabinet meeting Tuesday morning. "We haven't ruled out terrorism."

He acknowledged that authorities had no idea an attack was planned.

"We didn't know about this ahead of time. We had no intelligence on this attack," the defense minister said.

Prayuth vowed to "hurry and find the bombers," though he noted there may be just one perpetrator. Speaking to reporters, he continued what has been a notoriously prickly relationship with the media since the former general took control of the government in a May 2014 coup.

Asked if there were leads on the suspects' identities, Prayuth bristled, "We are still investigating. The bomb has just exploded—why are you asking now? Do you understand the word investigation? It's not like they claim responsibility."

Early Tuesday morning, investigators surveyed the damage as police and soldiers guarded the area, still littered with shattered glass and other debris. The normally busy intersection that was closed off to traffic and eerily empty aside from onlookers standing behind police tape to take pictures. Barricades were set up outside five-star hotels in the neighborhood and security stopped cars to inspect trunks before letting them pass.

At least 20 people were confirmed dead and 140 injured, according to the Narinthorn emergency medical rescue center. China reported three of its citizens dead, and Somyot said a Filipino also was among those killed.

For Africa's hunted albino children, new limbs and new hope

NEW YORK (AP)—Like other little boys, Baraka Cosmas Lusambo loves to play soccer. When he hears music, his feet tap and his face breaks out into a wide smile. During summer pool time recently, he used his left hand to toss a ball through a basketball hoop while red arm floaties keep him above water.

The joy vanished, though, when he was reminded of the night men armed with torches and knives burst into his family's home in western Tanzania, knocked his mother unconscious and sliced off his other hand.

"We were simply sleeping when someone just arrived," Baraka said. "They came to me with machetes."

Baraka has albinism, a condition that leaves its afflicted with little or no pigment in their skin or eyes. In some traditional communities of Tanzania and other countries in Africa, albinos, as they're often called, are thought to have magical properties, and their body parts can fetch thousands of dollars on the black market as ingredients in witch doctors' potions said to give the user wealth and good luck.

Baraka and four other children with his condition have escaped the threat, at least temporarily, brought to the United States by the Global Medical Relief Fund, a charity started by Elissa Montanti in 1997 that helps children from crisis zones get custom prostheses.

Montanti, moved by an article she read about Baraka, reached out to Under the Same Sun, a Canada-based group that advocates for and protects people with albinism in Tanzania and had been sheltering Baraka since his attack in March.

Indonesia official says missing plane is 'totally destroyed'

JAYAPURA, Indonesia (AP)—An Indonesian passenger plane that went missing two days ago was destroyed when it slammed into a mountain, killing all 54 people on board, the country's top rescue official said.

Rescuers only reached the crash site Tuesday after being hindered by rugged, forested terrain and bad weather.

"The plane was totally destroyed and all the bodies were burned and difficult to identify," National Search and Rescue Agency chief Henry Bambang Soelistyo told The Associated Press. "There is no chance anyone survived."

He said that so far 53 bodies had been recovered, and that they would be taken to Jayapura, the capital of Papua province, so they can be identified.

Soelistyo said that the plane's black box has been recovered. The black box contains data on the plane's operations and may give clues to the exact cause of the crash.

Smoldering wreckage of the Trigana Air Service turboprop plane was spotted from the air Monday. The ATR42-300 twin turboprop plane was flying from Jayapura to the city of Oksibil when it lost contact.

The plane was carrying 49 passengers and five crew members on a scheduled 42-minute flight. Five children, including two infants, were among the passengers.

Soelistyo said the wreckage was at an altitude of 2,600 meters (about 8,500 feet). Much of Papua is covered with impenetrable jungles and mountains. Some planes that have crashed in the past have never been found.

In Loving Memory of

†Crispin Magofna Pangelinan

Born to Life: July 16, 1959
Called to Eternal life: August 15, 2015

In His New Life, He Now Joins His:
Parents: †Miguel Basa Pangelinan
†Estella Blas Magofna Pangelinan
Parents In-Law: †Elken Eliam
†Melihna Eliam
Brother: †Max Magofna Pangelinan
Daughter: †Levonne Alexander Pangelinan

He will be extremely missed and forever remembered in the hearts of his:
Wife: **Grace Alexander Pangelinan**
Children: **Ryan** A. Pangelinan *(Francisco)*
Rufina A. Pangelinan/Anton Santos *(Kristopher, Karmen, Kriscella)*
Jerome Vincent Pangelinan/Jolyn Iguel *(Phillip Jay, Leah'Lynn)*
Crispin Jr. & Fabiana Pangelinan *(Avilina, Crucifio, Victoria, Vicky Ann, Christopher, Angelina, Isabella, Carmelo, Victorious, Minong)*
Shane A. Pangelinan/Jessica Deleon Guerrero
Sister: Salvadora M. Pangelinan *(Stella, Zachery, Apearl)*
Brothers and Sisters In-Law:
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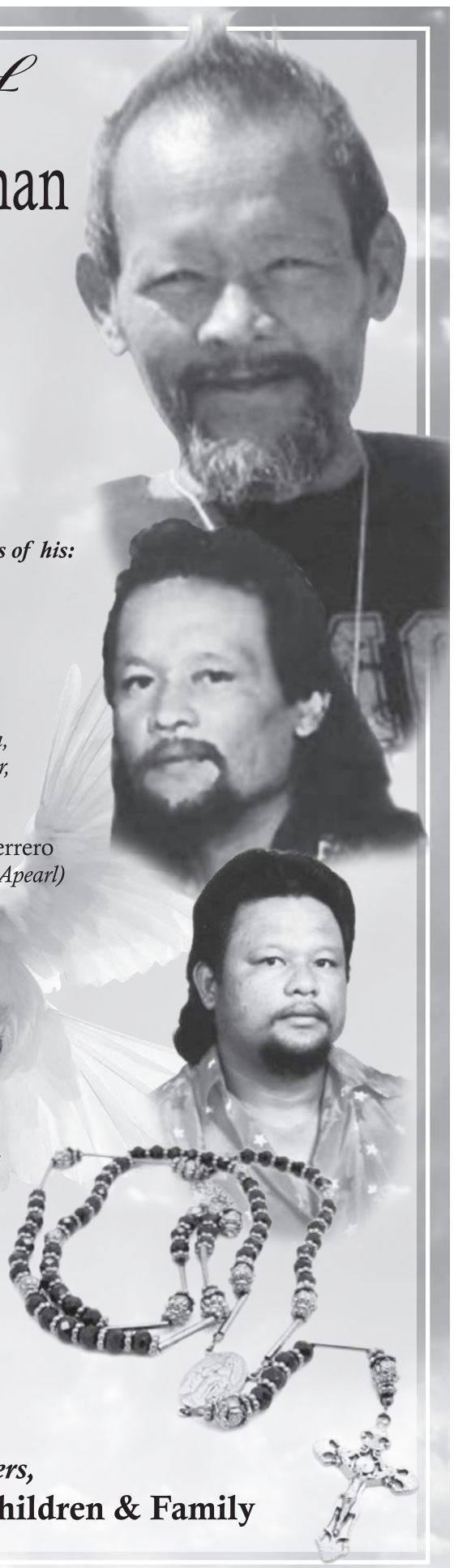
Elnora & †Dr. B. Jano
†Lucios Eliam
Meli & †Adsin Malakai
†Masao & Pelsi Eliam
Anna & Pete Jack
Milleri *(Fred, Anthony, Michael, Lisa)*

Daily rosary is being prayed every afternoon at 4:30 pm and Mass of Intentions for the repose of his soul at Bithen delos Remedios Church in Tanapag at 5:30 pm.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, August 22, 2015. His remains will be escorted from CHCC Chapel to Bithen delos Remedios Church at 7:30 am. Responso Service will be at 8:00 am followed by Holy Rosary.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 am. Interment Service will take place at Tanapag Cemetery.



Please join us in prayers,
Grace Alexander Pangelinan, Children & Family

Life & Style

Like N.W.A, 'Compton' likely to inspire imitations

NEW YORK (AP)—Underestimate the crossover appeal of N.W.A at your peril.

More than 25 years after the Los Angeles hip-hop group went double platinum with their unheralded debut album largely without the benefit of radio play, Ice Cube, Dr. Dre and the rest shook up Hollywood in the dog days of summer.

"Straight Outta Compton," the N.W.A biopic produced by Cube and Dre, blew away industry expectations over the weekend with a $60.2 million debut, even higher than the $56.1 estimated on Sunday. The film, co-financed by Universal Pictures and Legendary Pictures for just $29 million, was propelled by a provocative trailer, savvy digital marketing, strong reviews and the same kind of audacity that made N.W.A famous in the first place.

Just as N.W.A's debut album stood out from the pack in 1988 when hair metal bands like Def Leppard and Guns N' Roses were dominating the airwaves, "Straight Outta Compton" stands far apart from the majority of movies to land at the multiplex this summer.

The only other film with a largely African American cast to hit theaters this summer was the independently made "Dope." It's a long term trend that's attracted increasing scrutiny. A recent study by the University of Southern California found that nearly three-quarters of all speaking or named characters in the top 100 highest-grossing movies of 2014 were white.

So "Straight Outta Compton"—a fresh and brash alternative to the usual summer spectacles—arrived with a wave of enthusiasm behind it, rising to the level of must-see cultural flashpoint. The social conditions of N.W.A's rise from South Central Los Angeles also bear particular relevance to recent protests over abusive and biased police enforcement.

This photo provided by Universal Pictures shows, Aldis Hodge, from left, as MC Ren, Neil Brown, Jr. as DJ Yella, Jason Mitchell as Eazy-E, O'Shea Jackson, Jr. as Ice Cube and Corey Hawkins as Dr. Dre, in the film, "Straight Outta Compton." The movie released in U.S. theaters on Friday, Aug. 14, 2015. AP

On Sunday, filmmaker Ava DuVernay, whose Oscar-nominated January release "Selma" struggled at the box office despite rave reviews and similar relevance, tweeted a passionate response to "Compton," saying it "captured the plight of the black artist."

"We rapped along, clapped, laughed, cried. For all that has happened," said DuVernay. "All the stifling of our voices as young black people in that place at that time while a war was going on against us."

The success of "Straight Outta Compton" could encourage studios to embrace more racially charged stories. Certainly, many will hope for such an effect, even if it stands against the prevailing risk-adverse nature of today's Hollywood.

"I don't think this movie is going to change anything, but I do think we're in the midst of a change. I think it's subtle," says David Poland, editor of Movie City News. "There is going to be a little less resistance in the next couple of years to movies about women and movies about people of color and things like rap—cultural things of the generation that is now 30."

Before Universal jumped in, Warner Bros. passed on "Straight Outta Compton" in part because of the project's riskiness. Those concerns earlier appeared to be justified. Marion "Suge" Knight, who's portrayed in the film, is awaiting trial for allegedly running over two men in January after an altercation with Cle "Bone" Sloan, a technical adviser on the movie.

There were also fears of violence at theaters, particularly after several shootings at movie theaters in recent months. Universal helped some theaters pay for extra security, but no violence materialized.

What did materialize was the diverse audience of a mainstream hit. According to Universal, the film, which stars Corey Hawkins (as Dr. Dre), O'Shea Jackson Jr. (as his father, Ice Cube) and Jason Mitchell (as Eazy-E) was 46 percent African American, 23 percent Caucasian and 21 percent Hispanic.

"This is a universal story," said director F. Gary Gray in an earlier interview. "It can inspire people from all walks of life. And if you hire unknowns, the story will stand on its own. You won't be distracted by a celebrity mimicking another celebrity."

Phil Contrino, chief analyst for BoxOffice.com, believes "Straight Outta Compton" has already inspired more films like it, even if N.W.A remains a singular entity particularly ripe for the biopic treatment.

"I guarantee executives before this movie opened were having conversations about what kind of rap biopic can we do next, what's the next landmark story that hasn't been told," said Contrino. "This will definitely lead to a new wave of music biopics."

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Beau of Morgan Freeman's granddaughter arrested in her death

NEW YORK (AP)—The boyfriend of Morgan Freeman's granddaughter has been arrested in her fatal stabbing on a New York City street. Thirty-year-old Lamar Davenport was arrested on a murder charge Monday, a day after 33-year-old actress Edena Hines was found with stab wounds to her chest in front of her Upper Manhattan apartment building. No working telephone number for Davenport could be found. It wasn't immediately clear whether he had a lawyer. Police say Davenport was in a relationship with Hines. Freeman issued a statement saying, "The world will never know her artistry and talent, and how much she had to offer." Hines was actually Freeman's stepgranddaughter, but Freeman's publicist says the Oscar-winning actor thought of her as his granddaughter. Hines was the granddaughter of Freeman's first wife.

Tracy Morgan, Miley Cyrus to guest host 'SNL'

NEW YORK (AP)—Tracy Morgan is coming home to "Saturday Night Live" as guest host on Oct. 17. His appearance also promises to be a coming-out party for the former "SNL" cast member and star of "30 Rock," who has been recuperating from injuries he suffered in a June 2014 crash that also killed a fellow comedian when their limousine was hit by a Wal-Mart truck on the New Jersey Turnpike. This past June, Morgan was interviewed on the "Today" show in his first public appearance since the accident. At that time, he said, "I can't wait to get back to (comedy), but right now, my goal is just to heal and get better. Because I'm not 100 percent yet. I'm not. And when I'm there, you'll know it. I'll get back to making you laugh. I promise you." NBC on Monday also announced that on Oct. 3, Miley Cyrus will return as host for a third time to kick off the 41st "SNL" season. Musical guests for these "SNL" editions will be announced later.

Guitar stolen from Rascal Flatts at Oregon show recovered

BROWNSVILLE, Ore. (AP)—Authorities say they have recovered a custom guitar that was stolen from the pop-country trio Rascal Flatts during a concert in Oregon over the weekend. The band was performing at the Willamette (wil-AM'-it) Country Music Festival in Brownsville, north of Eugene, on Friday night when the $2,000 instrument went missing backstage. Linn County sheriff's detectives were working at the festival and said they were able to identify the suspects as 19-year-old man from Eugene and a 17-year-old girl from Junction City, both of whom attended the show. Sheriff Bruce Riley said a detective met the man on Sunday and took possession of the guitar, which appeared undamaged. The suspects were reportedly cooperative when interviewed by investigators.

Husband with low sex drive is not interested in higher gear

DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Sam," and I have been married three years and have a good relationship. He's a wonderful father and husband, and I really couldn't ask for much more.

However, there is one thing I just don't know what to do about. He had a rough divorce from his first wife, who was also the first woman he ever had sex with (they waited until they were married). She started doing drugs shortly afterward and cheated on him several times. Counseling with her didn't work, and eventually he filed for divorce.

We married five years after his divorce, and we also waited to have sex until we were married. This was by mutual agreement. Once we were married, I realized he has some big hang-ups about sex in general. There can never be any foreplay, we never change positions, and the times it happens are few and far between.

I have expressed my need for more intimacy, but he acts like I'm being ridiculous, or says he can't make himself change something he's comfortable with. How else can I approach this situation without making him feel bad? I believe sex in a marriage is very important, and ours needs to change.

NEEDS MORE IN TEXAS

DEAR NEEDS MORE: Your husband has a problem, but in order for there to be any changes in your marriage, he will have to admit to himself—and to you—that he has one. A place to start would be marriage counseling with a licensed therapist, and from there, very likely, a course of treatment with a licensed sex therapist. I hope you can convince him that it is necessary, because unless he agrees, I don't think a mutually satisfying union will be possible.

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DEAR ABBY: I got my sister a job at my workplace, and she has now fallen in love with one of my co-workers, "Bill." The problem is, he's married and has children. Bill's wife works here, too, and she recently found out about the romance. Bill and his wife talked and decided to work things out.

I have now learned that Bill and my sister are still dating and have even discussed marriage. I had decided to stay out of it, but I'm friends with this couple and I feel obligated to let the wife know. Should I stay silent and let her find out for herself? How do I make my sister realize this is not a good path she is going down?

STUCK IN THE MIDDLE

DEAR STUCK: Bill's wife already knows she's married to a cheater. She doesn't need you to tell her. Do, however, talk to your sister and remind her that this is a no-win situation for her.

When Bill's wife realizes the affair is ongoing, she'll either see to it that the romance is over once and for all—which means your sister will end up brokenhearted—or she'll divorce him. If she divorces Bill and he marries your sister, your sister will have a husband with a history of cheating and heavy child support payments. That's hardly a guarantee of a happy ending.

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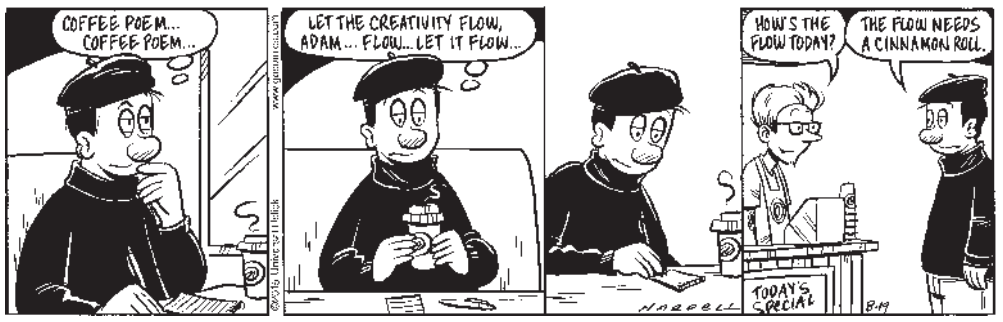
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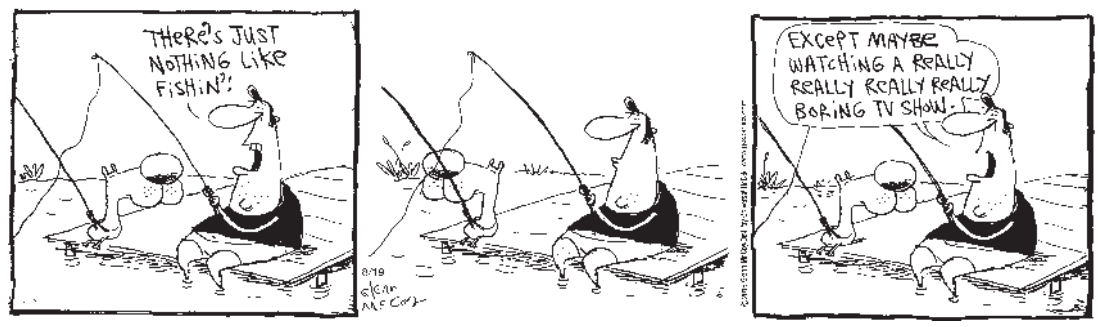
By Glenn McCoy



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By Eugene Sheffer

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8 Alicia Florrick's workplace
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11 Like a lot
13 Square one
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18 Moving vehicle
19 Say it isn't so
20 Lexicographer's bk.
21 Gets dirty
23 Crouch
25 Actress Jessica
26 Libertine
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30 "Skip to My —"
33 1996 Ewan McGregor movie
36 Word group
37 Goose egg
38 Twine fiber
39 Initial stake
40 Timid
41 Opener at Vegas?

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1 Aesopian ending
2 Swerve
3 Knot for human consumption?
4 Evade
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6 Small combo
7 Fence opening
8 Shrewd
9 Miscellaneous data
10 Calif. hours
12 Make into law
14 Charged bits
15 Potent stick
19 24 horas
20 Payable
21 Soup eater's noise
22 West Indian fetishes
23 Average
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26 Force away
28 Grind your teeth
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31 A single time
32 "Yecch!"
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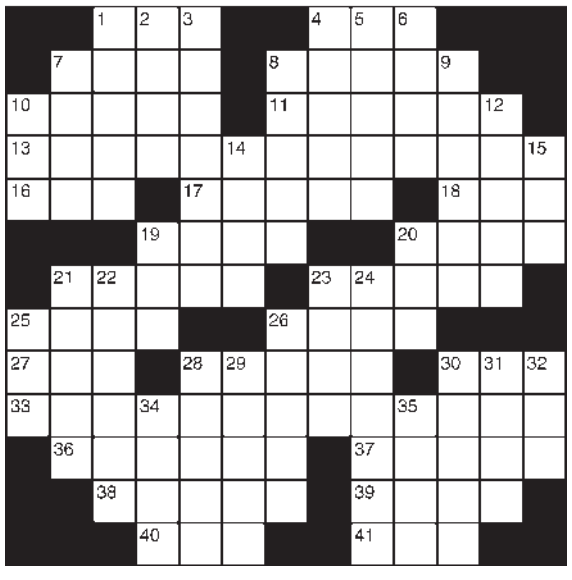

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ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Don't rely on others to do things for you. Clean up any mess you made and bring about the change required to improve your current situation. Do your best to maintain good relationships with your peers. Love passionately. ✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Manage your time effectively and use your intellect to reach your goals. Stirring up trouble with someone who doesn't think the same way as you will be a waste of time. Learn from past mistakes. ✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Make an effort to finish what you start or expect to face complaints. Physical activities will give you a sense of accomplishment and reinforce how capable you really are. Love and romance are in the stars. Home improvements will pay off. ✪✪✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Protect your interests. Don't let emotions cloud your vision. Refuse to get involved in a moneymaking scheme even if someone pressures you. Concentrate on family and communication. Search for the answers you need to make good decisions. ✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Make the changes at home that will make your surroundings more inviting, comfy and entertaining. Make plans with someone you love so that you are sure to have plenty of time to build fond memories together. ✪✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): An unexpected home or family expense will surface. Use your savvy business sense to take care of legal, health or money matters and you will avoid falling short. Don't feel you have to share personal information. Only answer what's necessary. ✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Changing your mind frequently about an emotional situation will only put more pressure on your relationship. Decide what you want before it's too late. Don't let an older or more demanding individual influence your decision. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Don't let anyone take advantage of you. Look for opportunities that will allow you to display your skills and outshine the competition. Jealousy is apparent and can lead to complaints or false information. Proceed with caution. Stick to facts. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Look for deals, but don't make decisions based on a fast-talking sales person looking to use your cash to further his or her interests. Look at what you have to offer and be willing to back up your talent and ambitions. ✪✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): You'll be privy to inside information that will help you make a calculated decision. A good choice will influence your life financially, legally or emotionally. Don't settle for anything less than what you want. Impulsive moves will lead to regret. ✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Don't sit still when there is so much you can do. Use your energy to help you stand out in meetings, interviews or on your resume. You will attract the attention of someone who will offer you an unexpected option. Plan to celebrate. ✪✪✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Put more time and effort into something you really believe in or enjoy doing. Money will come to you from an unexpected source. An emotional reaction you get from someone will add to your confidence. Romance is in the stars. ✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are intuitive, sensitive and innovative. You are courageous and diplomatic.

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SUDOKU

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Difficulty Level ★★★ 8/19

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Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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Difficulty Level ★★ 8/18

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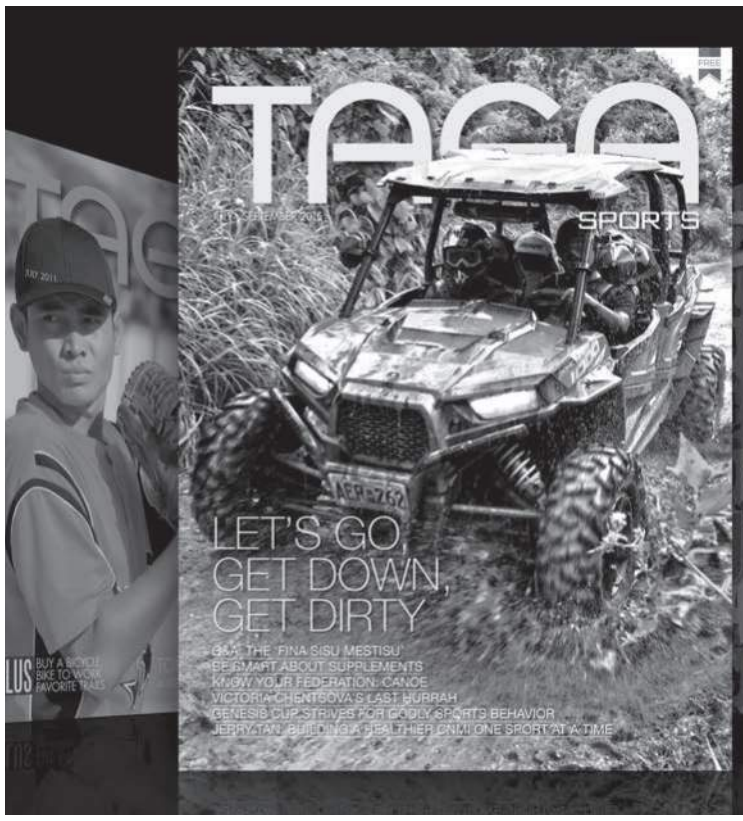

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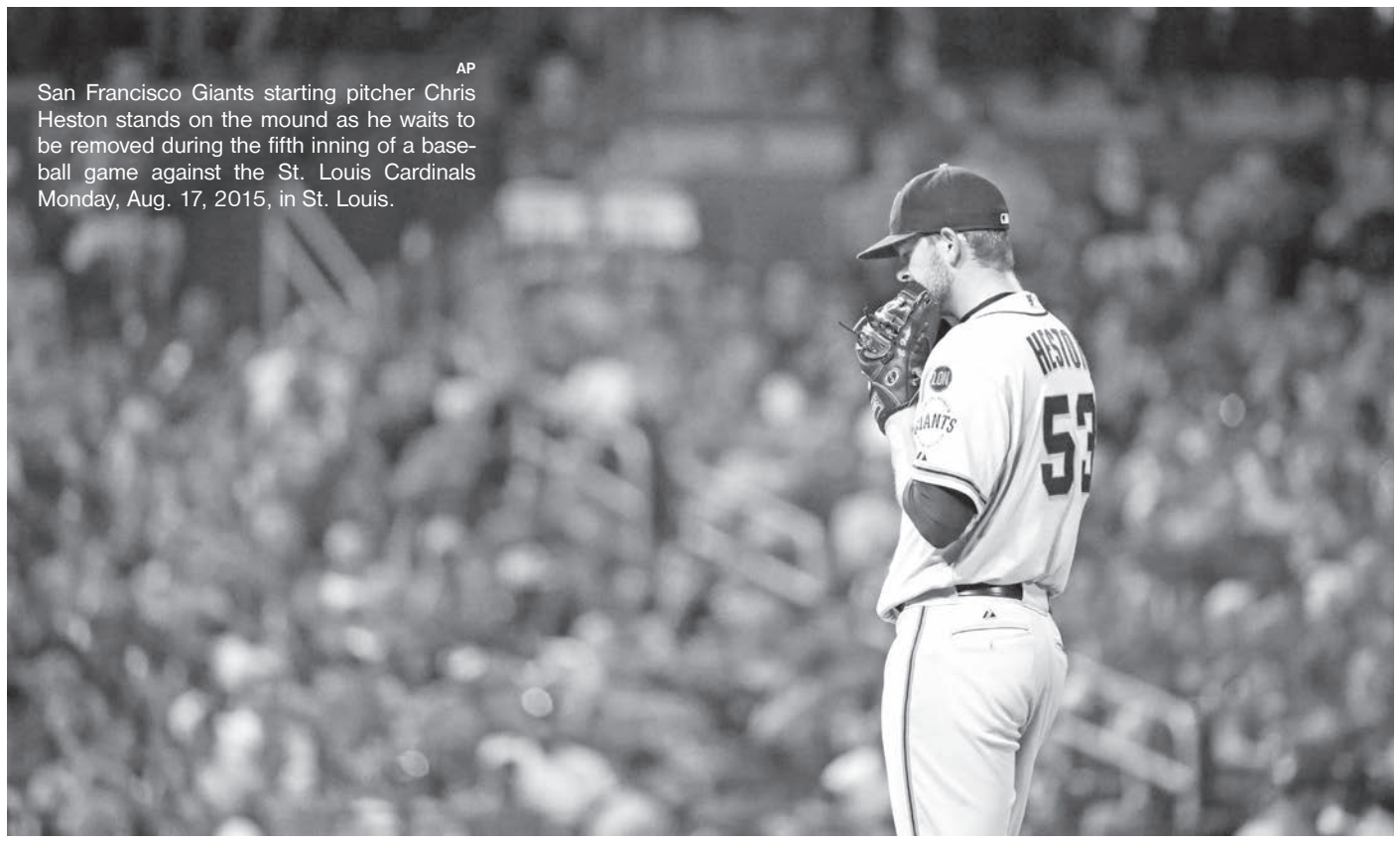
Piscotty scores go-ahead run, Cardinals beat Giants



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San Francisco Giants starting pitcher Chris Heston stands on the mound as he waits to be removed during the fifth inning of a baseball game against the St. Louis Cardinals Monday, Aug. 17, 2015, in St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS (AP)—Rookie Stephen Piscotty tripled and scored the go-ahead run on Mark Reynolds' groundout in the eighth inning, and the St. Louis Cardinals beat the San Francisco Giants 2-1 on Monday night.

The run came a little too late for Michael Wacha, who allowed one run in seven innings with six strikeouts but missed a chance to become the majors' first 15-game winner.

Yadier Molina hit his third homer leading off the fourth for St. Louis. The Giants tied it on Brandon Crawford's two-out RBI triple in the sixth.

The Cardinals have won nine of 12, ended the Giants' four-game winning streak, and lead Pittsburgh by six games in the NL Central.

Kevin Siegrist (4-0) worked a perfect eighth against the top of the Giants order and Trevor Rosenthal earned his 37th save in 39 chances when pinch-hitter Buster Posey flied out to the wall in center.

Orioles 4, Athletics 2

In Baltimore, Steve Clevenger hit a three-run homer, Chris Tillman won his seventh straight decision and the Orioles completed a four-game sweep of the Athletics.

Clevenger, who was called up Friday from Triple-A Norfolk, got his first homer since June 29, 2012. He also had a career-high four hits in Baltimore's 18-2 victory Sunday.

Tillman (9-7) allowed two runs on three hits with three walks and three strikeouts over seven innings. He has not lost since May 31.

Oakland went winless on its seven-game East Coast road trip.

Darren O'Day had a perfect eighth and Zach Britton pitched the ninth for his 29th save.

Oakland left-hander Sonny Gray (12-5), who was scratched from his previous start with back spasms, allowed four runs (one earned) on seven hits with two walks and five strikeouts over 5 2/3 innings.

Indians 8, Red Sox 2

In Boston, Danny Salazar pitched seven strong innings to cool off Boston's hot bats, and Lonnie Chisenhall had a solo homer and three RBIs to carry the Indians past the Red Sox.

Carlos Santana also hit a solo shot, and Chisenhall's two-run double highlighted a five-run fourth that lifted Cleveland to its sixth win in nine games.

Salazar (11-6) allowed one run on four hits, striking out five and walking one. He's given up two-or-fewer runs in six of his last seven starts.

Travis Shaw drove in both Boston runs with a solo homer and an RBI single for the Red Sox, who scored 45 runs on 60 hits in their previous three games against Seattle.

The Indians broke a scoreless tie with their five-run inning against Matt Barnes (3-3).

Rangers 4, Mariners 3

In Arlington, Texas, Fernando Rodney walked Adrian Beltre with one out in the ninth inning to force in winning run and give Texas a win over the Mariners.

The Rangers have won eight consecutive home games and are three games over .500 for the first time since June 23.

Shawn Tolleson (5-2) worked a scoreless ninth inning for Texas. Rodney (5-5) only retired one of the batters he faced. He gave up two bunt hits and hit a batter before the walk.

Cole Hamels came away with his second no-decision to go with one loss in his three Texas starts since being acquired from the Philadelphia Phillies on July 31. He missed his previous turn in the rotation last week with a groin injury.

Diamondbacks 4, Pirates 1

In Pittsburgh, Jeremy Hellickson won on the road for the first time in 2 ½ months and Jake Lamb homered to lead the Diamondbacks to a victory over the Pirates.

Hellickson (9-8) allowed one run and three hits in 5 1-3 innings while striking out four and walking one. He had gone 0-4 with an 8.67 ERA in his previous six road starts since winning May 30 at Milwaukee.

Lamb connected for his fifth home run in the fourth inning, a solo shot off Gerrit Cole (14-7) that put the Diamondbacks ahead 4-0 and helped snapped the National League wild card-leading Pirates' four-game winning streak.

David Peralta had two hits for the Diamondbacks, including an RBI double in a two-run first inning. He is hitting .469 (30 for 64) with 21 RBIs in his last 19 games.

Marlins 6, Brewers 2

In Milwaukee, rookie left-hander Justin Nicolino pitched 6 2-3 solid innings and Derek Dietrich homered as the Marlins beat the Brewers.

Nicolino (2-1) scattered six hits and allowed just two runs in his fourth major league start. He retired the first two batters of the seventh inning before allowing a two-out double and was replaced after throwing 95 pitches.

Milwaukee starter Matt Garza (6-13) pitched two perfect innings to start the game but ran into trouble the rest of the way, lasting only five innings. He allowed five runs on eight hits while striking out two. He set a career record for losses in a season — he was 8-12 with Tampa Bay in 2009.

Dee Gordon had two hits, two RBIs, scored a run and stole a base for Miami, which has won five of seven games.

Ryan Braun had two singles and a walk for Milwaukee, which had its three-game winning streak snapped.

Yankees 8, Twins 7

In New York, Chase Headley hit a bases-loaded grounder in the 10th inning that Minnesota's five-man infield bobbled and the New York Yankees, after losing starting pitcher Bryan Mitchell to a line drive to the face, beat the Twins.

Brian McCann homered, drove in five runs and sliced a double off left fielder Eddie Rosario's glove in the 10th that set up the winning misplay. The catcher also threw out three runners trying to steal.

Andrew Miller (1-2) got the victory as the AL East-leading Yankees started off a season-high 10-game homestand with their third win in four games.

The Twins, contending for a wild card, lost to begin a 10-game trip that will later take them to Baltimore and Tampa Bay.

Rays 9, Astros 2

In Houston, Tim Beckham hit a three-run homer in the first inning and the Rays cruised to a victory over the Astros.

The Rays were up 1-0 when Beckham connected on his first home run since May 22 to give them a big early lead.

Asdrubal Cabrera added three RBIs for the Rays, who got back on track after being swept by the Rangers in a three-game series this weekend.

Erasmo Ramirez (10-4) yielded six hits and two runs in 5 2-3 innings for his second straight win.

Houston starter Scott Kazmir (6-8) tied season highs by allowing nine hits and six runs in 5 1-3 innings, falling to 0-3 this month after going 2-0 with a 0.26 ERA in July. He's won just one of his five starts since a trade from Oakland.

Padres 5, Braves 3

In San Diego, rookie Colin Rea won his second straight start and Will Venable hit a two-run single to help the Padres beat the Braves.

Rea became the seventh starter in Padres history to begin his big league career 2-0. Odrisamer Despaigne did it last season.

Rea allowed two runs and five hits in 5 2-3 innings while striking out four and walking one. His only big mistake was allowing a home run to former Padres outfielder Cameron Maybin leading off the fourth, his 10th.

Craig Kimbrel, obtained from the Braves the day before the season started, pitched a shaky ninth for his 34th save. He allowed one run on two hits and a walk.

Rea got all the backing he needed when the Padres scored three runs on four hits off William Perez (4-4) in the second inning.

Angels 2, White Sox 1

In Anaheim, Calif., C.J. Cron hit a tiebreaking home run in the seventh inning and Albert Pujols also homered, leading the Angels to a victory over the White Sox.

The victory was only the second in eight games for the defending AL West champion Angels, who returned home from Sunday night's 10-inning loss at Kansas City out of a playoff spot for the first time since July 2. They still trail Houston by 3 1-2 games in the division race, and Toronto by a half-game for the second wild card spot.

Cron drove an 0-1 pitch into the right field seats for his ninth homer with one out against rookie Carlos Rodon (5-5), who allowed just four hits over eight innings and struck out five in the longest of his 17 big league starts.

Fernando Salas (3-1) pitched one inning for the victory. Joe Smith got three outs in the eighth and Huston Street set down the White Sox 1-2-3 in the ninth for his for his 28th save in 32 attempts.

Francona to accompany longtime friend Farrell for treatment

BOSTON (AP)—Cleveland manager Terry Francona didn't hesitate when he was on the phone with Red Sox manager John Farrell and heard when his longtime friend was going to start chemotherapy treatment for lymphoma. Francona knew he wanted to be there.

"We were just talking and I was asking questions, the normal questions, and he mentioned he was going to start Tuesday," Francona said Monday before the Indians opened a three-game series at Boston.

"I was like, man, I'm right there," he said. "I'll met you there or go there, whatever. I may not do anything but get in the way like normal, but being a friend, the only thing I know how to do is be a friend. We all don't know exactly how to handle this, but I do know how to be a friend and I care a lot."

Farrell announced last Friday that he has a "highly curable" form of cancer and is taking a medical leave for the rest of the season.

"I was stunned," Francona said. "The first reaction was: I knew people would want to get at him. I wanted to talk to him. In this game you run into so many good people and friends. We became friends not just in baseball but outside of baseball."

Francona, who managed Boston from 2004-11, had Farrell as his pitching coach for the 2007 World Series champions. That year, left-hander Jon Lester returned from cancer treatments in late July and started the Series-clinching game.

Farrell left Boston in 2011 to manage Toronto for two years before returning to guide the Red Sox to a 2013 World Series title.

Francona was let go by Boston after the 2011 season, but the two have remained close.

Farrell worked under Francona from 2007-10. Francona said the two developed a bond when they played together for the Indians in 1988.

"We became pretty close," Francona said. "For a pitcher and a position player, that's not usually how it usually works. John and I became friends that year while we were there and we stayed friends and stayed in contact.

"When there was a chance for a pitching coach here, he was the first guy that we looked to, knowing that he would probably not be here very long because he was so good," he said. "That was the way it worked out."

While their professional lives took different turns, the pair stayed close, evidenced by Francona's choice to accompany his friend in his first step in his battle with cancer.

"I think—like a lot of us—you just do the best you can," Francona said "I think right now I'm supposed to be a friend. That's never been an issue with him, it's always easy because he's always been one of my best friends. I'm just trying to do that."

Francona's decision to accompany Farrell was first reported by NESN.

Los Angeles stadium could bring shift in NFL divisions

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Construction of an NFL stadium in the Los Angeles area could come with another change: a possible shift in division for the Oakland Raiders or the San Diego Chargers.

The teams have proposed a shared $1.78 billion stadium in the city of Carson—one of two stadium projects being considered by the NFL near Los Angeles that could bring professional football back to the region after a two-decade absence.

Carmen Policy, a former San Francisco 49ers executive who was hired to help oversee the Carson project, said Monday that the teams have agreed to shift divisions, if necessary, to make the project acceptable to the league.

AP

An architectural rendering for a new NFL stadium is projected during a lunch sponsored by the Los Angeles Sports Council downtown Los Angeles Monday, Aug. 17, 2015.

The Chargers and Raiders are rivals in the AFC West, which could make game scheduling and other issues difficult in a shared stadium.

The teams have made clear to the league and NFL owners that "you send us to LA and you'll make the decision as to who plays in what conference or division," Policy told reporters after detailing stadium plans for business leaders and a sports group at an event in downtown Los Angeles.

"There are some very interesting scenarios, depending on how all this turns out," Policy said.

Policy detailed the possible division shift on a day when the teams unveiled the latest design update for the 65,000-seat stadium, which would rise on the site of a former landfill about 12 miles from downtown Los Angeles.

The renderings show an open-air stadium wrapped in steel bands, its seating shaded by canopies, with features that range from a nearby stage for live music performances to an authentic farmers' market. Outside, towering screens would carry game-day highlights that could be viewed from the parking lots.

A promotional video, narrated by actor Kiefer Sutherland, boasted that the stadium bordered by palm trees would become part of a quintessential Los Angeles experience while coddling fans.

"Sunshine. Beaches. Hollywood. Where anything is possible," he says.

High-end amenities would include an on-field patio "blurring the line between spectator and teammate," according to the video that depicted fans sipping drinks just steps from a team bench. Eight acres would be reserved, rent-free, for an "NFL campus," which could include a home for the NFL Network and a western annex for the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

One prominent feature from earlier versions vanished. Previous plans called for a tower that could simulate lightning bolts for the Chargers or a huge flame honoring late owner Al Davis for the Raiders. A dominant feature is now an oversized, gleaming Vince Lombardi Trophy, the prize that goes to Super Bowl winners.

A development group that includes St. Louis Rams owner Stan Kroenke is pushing a rival project in nearby Inglewood. The $1.8 billion venue on the site of a former horse track would be part of a sprawling development of homes, parks and office space.

Policy promoted the Raiders-Chargers plan as an ideal solution for two California teams playing in stadiums long out of date. He said the teams would attract fans from California's Central Coast to Mexico to a stadium with 12,000 parking spots for tailgating and easy freeway access.

League spokesman Brian McCarthy has said the NFL wants franchises that are "strong and successful in their existing markets." Under current rules, the next opportunity for a team to file to relocate would be in January 2016. Any decision to move would have to clear a tangle of hurdles, including winning the support of at least 24 of the 32 teams.

The NFL owners meet again in October in New York, but no relocation vote is expected at that meeting. Policy predicted there could be a decision by the league early next year.

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Kengo Ura and went on to dedicate his fight and victory against the latter to the victims of the destructive typhoon. Camacho earned a knockout win (punches) over his Japanese opponent just 40 seconds into the first round of their lightweight bout in PXC 49.

The KO victory was his 13th in 20 fights and 17 wins and the second first round triumph in less than two months. The first was over Japan's Yasuaki Miura with only 34 seconds gone by in the opening round of the main event fight in Rites of Passage 18: Warpath held last July 3 at the Royal Taga Hall of Saipan World Resort. ***(Roselyn B. Monroyo)***

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Boston	52	66	.441	13½

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Kansas City	71	46	.607	—
Minnesota	59	59	.500	12½
Detroit	56	61	.479	15
Chicago	55	61	.474	15½
Cleveland	55	62	.470	16

West Division

Houston	64	55	.538	—
Los Angeles	61	57	.517	2½
Texas	60	57	.513	3
Seattle	55	64	.462	9
Oakland	51	69	.425	13½

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

New York	63	55	.534	—
Washington	58	59	.496	4½
Atlanta	53	65	.449	10
Miami	48	70	.407	15
Philadelphia	46	72	.390	17

Central Division

St. Louis	76	42	.644	—
Pittsburgh	69	47	.595	6
Chicago	67	49	.578	8
Cincinnati	51	65	.440	24
Milwaukee	51	69	.425	26

West Division

Los Angeles	67	51	.568	—
San Francisco	64	54	.542	3
Arizona	58	59	.496	8½
San Diego	57	62	.479	10½
Colorado	48	68	.414	18

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Jets' Marshall says Geno Smith did nothing to warrant punch

NEW YORK (AP)—New York Jets wide receiver Brandon Marshall has come to Geno Smith's defense, saying the injured quarterback was not at fault in last week's locker-room fight.

In an interview Monday with ESPN Radio's "Mike & Mike" show, Marshall says he saw then-teammate Ikemefuna Enemkpali punch Smith and break his jaw. Marshall says Smith didn't stick a finger in Enemkpali's face, as some reports suggested.

The receiver roomed with the quarterback in the offseason. He says it's an "unfortunate situation" and Smith "didn't do anything wrong that day."

Smith had surgery Thursday to insert screws and metal plates in his jaw. He is expected to be out six to 10 weeks. Enemkpali was cut and claimed on waivers by Buffalo.

CNMI

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trasting wins over Kiribati's Banien Ioera and American Samoa's John Quin Lim. Song labored a 7-6 (6), 6-3, victory against Ioera in their nearly two-hour morning match before dispatching Lim in less than an hour in their afternoon game, 6-0, 6-1. Song sits alone at the top spot in Group D and closes out the pool today when he faces Fiji's Nakul Sachindra.

In other boys U14 singles results, Vincent Tudela won his Group A match against Fiji's Shabil Ajmeer yesterday, 6-1, 6-0, to bounce back from his opening day loss to Tahiti's Jeremy Guines.

In the girls U14 singles, the trio of Mimi Sakano, Tania Tan, and Malika Miyawaki also prevailed in their respective Day 2 matches. The unranked Sakano was impressive in her first game in the tournament after blanking American Samoa's Crustal Christman, 6-0, 6-0, in Group A. In Group B, the second-seeded Tan duplicated Sakano's feat after shutting down Solomon Islands' Christma Au. Miyawaki handed the CNMI girls U14 side its third straight set victory in Day 2 after sweeping Kiribati's Caroline Mwang in Group C, 6-3, 6-1.

Meanwhile, Conatsu Kaga gave the Commonwealth's U12 crew some good news after the top-ranked player went 2-0 in Group B. Conatsu got her first win against Vanuatu's Desiree Signo, 6-0, 6-3, and made it two in a row after beating Tahiti's Meherio Tautu, 6-3, 6-4. The undefeated CNMI player hopes to keep her perfect record in pool play today when she duels Samoa's Leafine Cronin (1-1).

Conatsu's younger sister, Coume, also won in Day 2, downing the Solomon Islands' Prudence Bird, 6-1, 6-3. Coume, who dropped her opener against the top-ranked Eleanor Schuster of Samoa, will aim to close Group A with another victory when she meets Federated States of Micronesia's Anne Skilling today. In Group C, Erica Tuttle must prevail in her third and last match in the pool against the third-ranked Zorika Morgan of the Solomon Islands to stay in contention for a slot to the next round. Tuttle went 0-2 after yesterday's matches, as she absorbed close losses against Fiji's Saoirse Breen, 6-7 (2), 5-7, and American Samoa's Jireh Warren, 6-3, 1-6, 9-11.

Tuttle's fellow U12 players Ji Min Woo and Seung Jin Paik and U16's Amy Tsukagoshi and Isabel Heras also had a tough Day 2, while Carol Lee eased past her first opponent in the oldest age group competition of the annual tournament.

Woo and Paik are both winless in the boys U12 after dropping their Day 2 matches yesterday. Paik lost his back-to-back games against the second-seeded Sam Cribb of Norfolk Island, 2-6, 0-6, and Tahiti's Elie Monovai, 1-6, 2-6. Paik will try to get into the win column in Group B when he takes on Guam's Andrew Leng (0-2) today. In Group C, Woo also fell to his foes—Samoa's Philip Warren, 1-6, 1-2 and Fiji's Kelese Kofe, 3-6, 5-7. Woo plays his last pool game today against Fiji's Maui Leflon (1-1).

In the girls U16 division, Lee showed no let up yesterday to dominate FSM's Sunshein Palik, 6-0, 6-0, in their Group A match. In Group B, Heras bowed to Samoa's Anasis Saipele, 1-6, 3-6, while Tsukagoshi had the same misfortune in Group C versus the third-seeded Georjimah Row of Solomon Islands, 0-6, 0-6.

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The Northern Mariana Island Football Association-backed team is composed of goalies Clayton Izuka and John Joseph Bucayo, defenders Cole Chambers, Cody Leon, David Mafnas, Kirt Andon, Sebastien Manabat, Dai Podziewski, and Leandro Bichayda, midfielders Jonathan Capayas, Joshua Abragan, Joshua De Leon, Andruw Omelau, Edward Joon Cho, Logan Mister, Jonah Pohl, and Mark Esalan, and forwards Thaiphi Austria and John Michael Rojas. Former Olympian and Chelsea FC Soccer School Hong Kong's Luam Khen Koo is the squad's coach and will be assisted by Wai Wo Lee, while Derek Chambers and Karen Buettner are the team manager and physiotherapist, respectively.

"If we're to gauge our preparation for the tournament from 1 to 10, we are between 7 and 8. We're done with working on the players' skills and the basics and now we're focusing on their stamina and the team's tactics," said Jerswin Angeles, who is also part of the coaching staff and conducted the team's training session yesterday at the Oleai Sports Complex Field

Fifteen players attended yesterday's session at the Oleai pitch, as Cho returned to Guam after training with the squad last month, while the three others are still in Hong Kong, attending a training camp at the Chelsea FC Soccer School.

At yesterday's practice, Angeles worked on the players' communication skills and teamwork. He conducted a drill where leaders of the three groups of five were blind folded and tasked to pick up a ball and throw it into the net. The four other members of each group should guide their leader how to complete the task by giving out instructions and directions.

Angeles had the same drill three times before proceeding with a different set of exercises to warm up the players for the more than one-hour training session.

"We're doing OK and we will just need to make some polishing. Everyone is healthy and have showed improvement since we started training several months ago," Angeles said.

"We don't know yet who are opponents will be, so what we are doing now is to get them fit for many games. It's a festival and you will play multiple games in one day," the assistant coach added.

Though the festival schedule is not out yet, the CNMI bets are in for a tough grind as teams from powerhouse Japan, North and South Korea, Chinese-Taipei, and host China are entered in the East division of the competition. Completing the list are Hong Kong, Macau, Guam, and Mongolia.

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CNMI U14 players stand out

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The CNMI's U14 players went unbeaten at the resumption of action in the 2015 Pacific Oceania Junior Championships yesterday at the Regional Training Center in Lautoka, Fiji.

Robbie Schorr and Ken Song led the group's strong showing in Day 2 of the tournament that had to cut short its opening day matches due to rain. Schorr, who did not play in the opener last Monday, came out swinging yesterday, sweeping all his two matches in Group C to boost his bid for the single-elimination playoffs. Schorr first topped Fiji's Davias in the morning match, 6-3, 6-0, and returned at the RTC in the afternoon with a similar straight set win over Davias' compatriot Favin Molotii, 6-0, 6-3. The fourth-ranked Schorr is now tied for the pool lead with Samoa's Kristen Pavitt and they will collide today for the solo first place in their group.

In Group D, Song earned a 2-0 mark after recording con-

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Tania Tan, seen here competing in an ITF Juniors event held on Saipan this year, was among the CNMI U14 players who won their Day 2 matches in the 2015 Pacific Oceania Junior Championships in Fiji yesterday.

AFC-bound CNMI team

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The CNMI U14 National Team's preparation for the AFC U14 Regional Festival of Football is on track despite the tough weather conditions on the island in the past weeks.

The select squad resumed training early last week after Typhoon Soudelor struck Saipan on Aug. 2 and will intensify its practice sessions until the end of this month before tapering off in the final week before the tournament. The festival will run from Sept. 7 to 14 in Beijing, China, with actual games, starting on Sept. 9.

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Assistant coach Jersh Angeles supervises the training session of the CNMI U14 National Team that will be competing in Beijing next month.

'Crank' Relief Effort draws support

Frank the "Crank" Camacho's Crank Relief Effort: Help Saipan has gained a big response from Guam and will continue this week.

According to Camacho, during the drop-off last Saturday at the Custom Fitness LLC & Crossfit Gof Metgot, a lot of people came out and donated goods and other necessities for the victims of Typhoon Soudelor that ravaged the island last Aug. 2. He added that Guam Home Center also donated over $8,000 worth of goods, while Cars Plus Guam will be in charge of shipping the donated items, which will be loaded in a 20-foot container.

The mixed martial arts fighter is expecting more donations before the week ends, as new drop-off points will be announced.

"We will be taking donations at Cars Plus Guam this week to send out ASAP to our brothers and sisters in need. I just got word that the people need mosquito coils, batteries, flashlights, canned food, baby wipes, and bottled water. Please stay posted on my social media networks for drop-off times and location this week," the 26-year-old fighter said in a message posted at his FB account.

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Frank "The Crank" Camacho gives the thumbs-up sign after loading some of the donations for victims of Typhoon Soudelor on Saipan from a relief drive in Guam last week.

"Words cannot express the amount of gratitude I have for the amount of support Saipan has been getting. A huge thank you to everyone for the donations that I will be sending off in a container next week. It is such a blessing to see the community come together to help Saipan," he added.

Camacho launched the relief drive a few days after the disaster that hit Saipan and before he fought at PXC 49 that took place last Aug. 7 at the University of Guam Fieldhouse. He was pitted against Japan's

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